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Ponasang, China,
Nov. 3, 1916.

My dear Dr. Strong,

Here I am, in the very corner of the world where I most want to be!

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chinese street as we rode in chairs, with Miss Perkins as guide, up through the motley array of wearables, edibles, and see-ables which lined its sides. I spoke of the street as being narrow and was immediately rebuked, for I had seen the widest boulevard in town, I was told!

The present plan is to allow me to enjoy Ponasang and Miss Perkins for a month, then take a language teacher up to Inghok to live with Miss Waddell while I study.

Miss Thomson and I are to have our first glimpse of Foochow City to-night, when, after a reception here we are to go up to the Belchers for dinner, then to visit

the Anti-Cobweb Club!

Our welcome has been so hearty that I feel as though I had come home after a trip. All the people whom I've met so far of our American Board have exceeded expectations. It surely was a rare privilege to get so well acquainted with the Beaches on the trip.

Miss Jacob, who is to be my English co-worker, is charming. We find that our accomplishments dove-tail beautifully and I know I shall enjoy working with her in the kindergarten training.

The consul has duly registered us and we have our Chinese names, so now we belong to Foochow.

My report of traveling expenses will follow soon, and if I have neglected any other requirements Mr. Belcher can tell me, I guess.

The thought of all the people at home backing me, makes me feel the privilege of being a representative of theirs in China, and with God's help I'll try to be worthy of it.

Yours in His service,

Bertha H. Allen.

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A Foochow Kindergarten

Foochow, Fukien Province, China,

Nov. 3, 1918

Miss Bertha H. Allen now teaching in the Union Kindergarten Training School in Foochow gives this sketch of the children's department ~~School~~ in connection with the Training School. She says:

~~Dear Friends All,-~~

Did you just hear that little bell ring? That is to call the six Union Kindergarten Training School girls and the kindergarten teacher to supper. They look lonely in the big dining room as they sit around their one square table and pick up their chopsticks to begin on their rice. But they are a happy lot and seem to have gotten used to the fact that the Anglican Girl's School has had to temporarily move over onto Southside, thus leaving the U.K.T.S. in sole possession of these big buildings, part of which we ~~were~~ are renting for our work.

This, our second term of work, has started well in spite of the great political unrest all around. There are only thirteen children in the kindergarten, but we are not discouraged as all the kindergartens among wealthier sections are having the same small attendance. The children are very regular and it is really wonderful to watch their development from day to day!

I wish you knew some of, no "all of" these dear children. When I appear in the morning some of them nearly bend double with their efforts to greet me with a polite "Bing, ang". This week we planted a garden. Every one of us had a chance to rake the plot with the funny bamboo rake, the teacher being last to smooth out some of the humps. Eager hands held the string tight, while others with sharp pieces of tile tried ever so hard to make a little ditch beside the string. Volunteers for sowing the seeds all stretched out their little pudgy palms to me and we had an awful time trying to keep the little seeds from rolling off. Finally it was all planted, half to flowers and half to vegetables with a narrow path between. The little new boy, who a few days before had screamed for half an hour and had finally been sent home, was one of the most enthusiastic planters, while his bashful older brother offered, of his own accord, to build a stone wall around the

plots.Dignified little "Bright Prosperity",in his long blue coat,helped hold the watering can and enjoyed himself thoroughly until he discovered that his hands were wet and dirty.He held them up ruefully for me to see, then calmly pulled out a grimy handkerchief and wiped them off.This last little boy,by the way,was escorted to kindergarten on his first day by his grandfather and admiring relatives,only to weep and refuse to even sit in a little chair.The other day it was raining hard ,only three of the children came,one of them was "Bright Prosperity" carried on his nurse's back.He had arrived an hour and a half early.When questioned,we found that his family were very busy that day,he had overheard that he was not to come to kindergarten,so he got his hat and would have started alone.When his nurse saw how he wanted to come ,she brought him early so she could get back to her other business.

So far as I can find out,only one of our children comes from a Christian home.If you looked in on the kgn.circle when they were having their morning prayer,their Bible story,or their blessing before eating their mid-morning lunch,you would realize how much Christian teaching must reach the homes through them,for the mothers tell me that the children come home and tell all about what they did.On Sunday afternoon,too,we have an eager little Sunday School,inviting in the children along the street as well as those in kindergarten.The fond mothers seem as anxious to drink in the stories as the children.We had seventeen children to-day, with ten onlookers.These prefer to listen to the childrens'story rather than having a class of their own.

This doesn't begin to tell about our kindergarten,its pretty room, the things the children make and do, but it is all much like a kgn.at home,even to the little hands that clutch at your skirt or feel for your fingers!It is a joyous spot,thanks to our Chinese kindergartner and her beautiful spirit.

Now for the Training class.In February we hope there will be a second

class ready to enter.We have already had some inquiries.Miss Lacy and I can't see now how we are going to do justice to two classes and study,too-but we are not worrying,for all our other problems have smoothed out as we came to them.Oh,God is good to us!We know,too,that you dear praying friends at home are one big reason!

Miss Lacy and I are living here in the compound residence,with Miss Crabbe to keep house for us.She did not move to Southside with the Anglican School but is doing some advanced studying,and it is lovely for us to have her here.Miss Lacy and I are both trying to plan our days to include studying ,teaching,Red Cross work and some recreation.She is away ahead of me in the language,tho'she has only been out a year,for she was born in Foochow and lived here until she was ten years old.I could not imagine a more congenial co-worker.We only wish Miss Jacob(the Anglican member on the faculty)had not met Mr.Conlin!But we are happy for them and hope before many years another kindergartner can come from England.

It is Monday morning and we gather for breakfast at half past seven. At half past eight we go over to the school for Chapel.As this is my week to lead,I take the desk in front while the six girls,the matron Miss Lacy the kindergarten teacher and three servants stand until I sit down.The girls take turns choosing the hymn and playing it on our precious piano. They also take turns leading in prayer as we feel that this should be part of their training,and also to help me out,for I find it a trying ordeal to try to put my prayer thoughts in proper Chinese.We have our Bible readings and I try in faulty language to preach a little sermonette.Being Union, when we join in the Lord's Prayer each has to slide over some sentences to keep together,for each Mission has translated it a little differently!

Next comes a vigorous ten minutes of Physical Culture on the broad porch,ending with a high skip.By this time my language teacher has arrived but I must stop to answer the kindergartner's questions,see that the clocks

are alike and deliver some mail to the girls.Then I go to prepare with my teacher the Handwork lesson which I must teach at 11:15.A trip out to greet the children and see that all is well,a few interruptions,a little time for character study and it is 11:15.

I surely enjoy my Handwork class.The girls are very responsive and next year I hope that this class can do some original experimenting with native materials,such as bamboo.We have dome a little already.They are very patient with my lack of language and consequent gestures and funny mistakes.

At noon our tiffin gong rings.At 1:30 I gather the girls around the piano for a singing lesson.This is rather a hard subject for the average Chinese girl,but they are progressing slowly.I turn the girls over for classes with Miss Lacy while I prepare with my teacher the Nature Study lesson for 3:30.The other studies I am trying to teach are,Drawing,Life of Froebel,Old Testament Characters,Sunday School preparation and an informal evening English class which the girls wanted.Miss Lacy has all the hard things,Child Study,John,Games and Theory,Stories and music lessons!

The girls are each making a Red Cross sweater just now,one finishing her first one in two and a half days,and beautifully,too!We hope to send in for Siberia,twelve sweaters from the U.K.T.B. inside of two weeks.

With our Mission weekly prayermeetings,a weekly evening meeting with the girls and Red Cross each Monday at Mrs.Newell's we keep busy and happy. Oh,yes,we have lots of good times,such as taking the girls over to the park for a boatride,being invited out to supper or going calling and shopping on Southside some day after school.

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Martha H. Allen

Mrs. J. R. Allen

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Foochow, China, March 30, 1911

My dear Dr Barton:- I have some very happy news to tell you and I know you will be glad personally with me as well as officially; Ruth Ward and I have just come thru a short but the traditionally rough way of true love and she is now ready to marry me. It seems as if God had kept me till I came to her and we are very happy. Knowing how much she means to all of you in the office because of her father's long association with you and his long service I am anxious that you should all approve. I feel sure you are all ready to be glad for and with us. The Womans Board can fill the teachers position but I am afraid that I cannot replace her.

In view of the warm climate and the difficulties of meeting and the views of the Chinese we wish to be married by the fifteenth of June when school closes or perhaps a little sooner. Then go to Kuliang for the summer. The time for a reply by mail is so short that I want you to cable me "Yes" which shall cover Miss Wards resignation from the Womans Board also.

There seems to be no ruling in the "Green Book" about outfit of a single missionary who gets married on the field to a commissioned missionary. Can Miss Ward keep her furniture etc- can the outfit be transferred from Womans Board to ABCFM- can we buy some of it otherwise? Please write us in full concerning this matter.

I am very glad I came here- am well and working along on the language. I know you will be glad for us because you seem like a second father to us. I know Mr Bell will also approve- Yours very sincerely - Fred J Beach

Foochow

Mar. 30-1911

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Foochow, China, Sep. 12, 1911

My dear Dr. Barton:- Some time ago you wrote to me asking me for my first impressions of the new field to which I have come. I have been waiting for some time feeling my way mentally as to what I should say--- I am not so young as some of the men you send out and I have been engaged in what might be termed church politics in Schenectady and Los Angeles so that the matter of parlimentary practice and the like is not a new thing to me. Therefore the personalities of the various missionaries with whom I am now tentatively associated during my "without a vote" period, is the most absorbing problem. I cannot help once more quoting Josh Billings statement that "there is about as much human nature in some people as in others if not more." I am not surprised therefore to find in this company of people with the high missionary ideal and with personal capacity for large work and big achievement that there should exist differences of opinion both as to the relative importance of their own work and the general policy of the mission toward the work in general. Now I must say that in general I feel the force here on the Foochow field to be one of a high order-- a force of large personal ability and consecration. There are a few whose philosophy of life is of such a radically different type from my own that I can simply try to put myself in their attitude and see why they do as they do. I have come to feel that Wm James statement in "Pragmatism" that the most important thing about a person is their philosophy is right. Now some of these good people seem to me to be controlled by a philosophy that this world is quite bad and the thing to do is to do ones duty however hard, even to going to China, and thereby help the work of the Kingdom and gain an honorable place in the world to come. Doubtless there is more than a grain of truth in this philosophy of our grandparents, or their pastors and the Theological Seminaries of their day. But it doesn't make much of an appeal to the "ununderstandable younger generation". So it was with somewhat curious feelings that we felt that some of the older unmarried ladies thought we were false to the higher ideals of celibate life when we married. Now it is certain that Chinese women all marry, and the attempt to hold up the celibate life as an ideal is not going to attain much success. One Chinese teacher said he had heard of unmarried women in China, he thought there was one once in Peking.

Perhaps the most far-reaching difference of opinion as to policy at the present moment in the mission is the one around which the destinies of the Beach family have been swinging. It is this of the relation of the Educational and the Evangelistic work. The Mission just voted to send Mr and Mrs Beach to Diong Loh for one year for language study, while Mrs Beach takes the girl's school; with a view to later having Mr Beach in Educational work and with the understanding that the first available man be sent to Diong Loh for evangelistic work in that field." By which you may easily infer that I did some talking on the subject. Frankly I did-- I came out into the open and said that I considered that the Evangelistic work cannot advance a step without the Educational; That I had had ten years as a commercial engineer-- that they would get nineteen men as well prepared in Theology as I to one who had had the Engineering and scientific experience which I have had. Therefore in view of thepresent day needs of a changing culture in China and the foremost place Science was to play in that changed attitude toward the Universe, that I felt the mission would be making a mistake to put me permanently into the field work. There is no question that we should go to Diong Loh now. Miss Perkins has done remarkable executive work already-- Miss Irene Dornblasers sickness makes it seem unwise for her to be placed where there is no Doctor. The robbery in the school last ~~fall~~ spring makes it imperative that some larger force should be stationed there. The policy of the mission to make Diong Loh the center of that field and the practical inability as yet to carry it out, because of lack of Doctor and evangelistic man- the desire on the part of Mr Hubbard to remain at Pagoda for one more term-- my own hearts desire to get into teaching work and to inspirational work among college men with a view to

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holding up a more idealized view of the ministry as a profession than is now being given--- all these things make this matter of the Diong Loh field the most crying need of the mission and I cannot understand why there has not gone forward to you at the Board Rooms a single letter with this single idea. Many reports have gone to you giving a general list of a dozen or twenty needy places to fill but as far as I know none stating this one point as the point of sorest straits. Now of course I know this is not official coming this way from me, but this is the way it looks and I am not afraid to say so.

At present the collge can manage to get thru the years work tho badly overloaded. Ing Hok and Shao Wu are able to cover their fields. But Diong Loh is unmanned. Perhaps you will say why do you not take the matter seriously and stay there then? Because for the reasons given above and because Mr Hubbard could take the field if he would and because there is no Doctor, and because there is still a new man promised to take the place made vacant by Hinman and that new man presumably will come inside of a year. Kennedy of Union, assistant to Dr Lyman, writes that he is willing to come at the end of this years work at Teachers College. Of course I cannot tell what the future will bring forth and the mission may vote to keep me there at the end of this or a second year. I am only telling you on the side how I look at it.

Mr Peet has his heart entirely in the college. Some say too much so. There is no question that the collge has its own part to play--there is no question that in some particulars it must suffer because of the fact that the ME College close by is one of the best of that denomination and that they have four men to our one-- and good men that even a Congregational school might well be proud to have on its faculty. There is always the point that they teach in English and that ~~there is~~ we have a fancied superiority of instruction according to the Congregational standard but the superiority is not a very great quantity and may be overcome in a new burst of enlargement. The plan of a Union University seems to me to be the salvation of the whole situation. The new terms have doubtless come to your hand-- one sixth expenses and one man. If this can be met and the present college left to do the work it really is doing at the present time, the high school work, for the denominational training, then the Educational problem seems to me to have been temporarily solved. This would also give Hodous a chance to work in their new Union Seminary-- a work which would solve the present difficulty. The pastoral problem seems to be one of the serious matters now. Almost no college men going in to the ministry. Almost no pupils in the Seminary. No very cordial relations between college and seminary. I am praying for a campaign of inspiration such as North China boasts where the young men are induced by high idealism to enter the ministry rather than the Customs etc. Munson of the YMCA a new man here, has this note in his public speaking and I hope that I can back him in the same line. There is too much talk of the inability of the preacher to support his family andhis relatives on the salaries the church gives them. There are almost no pastors with college training in our mission. Eight working at it after twenty years. One cannot help asking if the college has lived up to its possibilities.

Now I have told you the things that trouble me. Let me tell you some of the happierthings. I was taken in hand and trotted every day for ten or a dozen days to Christmas exercise after exercise, for I arrived at that time. I was filled with joy to see little church after little church with the Chinese people watching their children in the exercises with the same fond pride as our own at home. It filled my heart with joy, and my eyes with tears perhaps, to look down from the college platform on a really impressive array of boys faces. Young and lineless and eager, what is the result to be on the life of the Province? What stamp can we put on them? but how magnificent that they should be there. Again I went to Ponasang and sat in the church and saw troop after troop of boys and girls from the three mission schools file in and fill that large church--- what an audience, more than a thousand of them-- clean well dressed, eager. To hear them sing in Chinese some old familiar hymn tune. I wanted to sit down out of sight and feel queer inside. Again, to sit in the collge chapel on commencement day and hear the viceroy of the Province say that he thanked these foreigners for coming to his country and so generously helping his people in their struggle for education! When I stop and think of the fact that the government schools here, have no better men than these from the Americans to teach them and that they can hardly

find the money to pay their salaries--then it strikes me forcibly how much we are really ableto give them. Then again to sit once more on that college platform and hear G. Sherwood Eddy gather them in. Where we had thought it was hardly wise to attempt it he drew the matter to a focus and ninety boys out of two hundred came out for Christ. Of course the after results are with us to be handled yet but many must stand firm.

Then to go with Hubbard and Hodous over part of the Diong Loh field before Mr Hubbard went to America. To see ~~that~~ a little village come together at any hour of day the school master or the pastor would ring the bell-- to hear the words of thekindly missionary. More and more I came to rspect Mr Hubbard and at last it grew on me that he was assuming in my mind the figure of the old parish priest we used to read about, who fathered his flock, " the kindliest teacher and tenderest creature"------. You would have rejoiced to seethe tokens of affection that were given him by teachers and children and pastors and family servants as they "saernged" him away to his boat with firecrackers galore.

I missed my fire-crackers when I arrived for having neglected to telegraph from Shanghai no one knew of my arrival and I had quite a hunt around the city before my coolies got me to the right place. The manager of the Standard Oil started me all right but the coolies forgot or wanted to. Finally I found a student in one of the colleges we stopped at who could talk English and soon we were knocking on every gate we could find in the American Board Compound wall. Then we entered a gate and found a little black eyed boy hanging onto a coolie, and I asked him what his name was. "Why Im Jerome" he said. Not wishing to suggest that I didnt know who jerome was I asked if Mr Peet lived near. "Right up there" he said and I walked into the mid-week prayer meeting. Then it was a repetition of the cordial time I had had in the First Congregational Los Angeles a month before as they wished me God-speed. I was welcomed royally to my new home. Then Mrs Hodous said I was to come home with them and there I found Jerome belonged. Afterwards I read in the Missionary Herald that Christian had fire-crackers from the South gate to the College and I felt lone-some; but I had established a reputation for independence."

It hurts my democratic feelings to be carried around on the shoulders of these poor fellows- but they have to live and we have to go at times when legs are tired. To an Engineer interested in the latest developments of locomotives and electrifica t-ion of railroads it is a shock to find a place where theroad is ten feet wide, perhaps, and he cannot even find a wheel in the province and no road to run it on if he did, and he has to be resigned to sit in a chair and be carried on the shoulders of men. I hope it will be done away with. There is an electric company operating an electric light plant and one of the officials told me they were contemplating an electric car line from the city to South Side, where the ME Mission is located.

Thank you for your kind letter about our marriage. We have no raason to be sorry and while Mrs Beach was deeply loved by the girls of the school she will always have much work to do, andshe is the kind who will want to do all she can. Many a one has told me " she is the most popular girl in Foochow." The College girls said that the did not like to have Uok Su Gu leave them because she was just like one of them. But Ceuk SingSang Niong(pronounced Joik Sinangiong) will still be a true mission-ary and is as happy as can be in her new task of home-making, it is what she was born to be and she just couldnt help it.

I wrote while you were away,but judge it was lost,for Mr Bell did not refer to my letter but said he had heard the news thru the Mission Secretary. I there inquired concerning the disposition of Miss Wards outfit. The rule reads that the outfit is to be left for the use of new missionaries and I judge the new Beach family can use it as well as any. However we will be pleased to obey the decision of the Board.

Mrs Beach Joins me in warm personal greetings to yourself and Mr Bell.

Very Cordially yours,

Fred B Beach

PS I am afraid this is too intimate to be of any use as magazine matter, but I had to tell you what was warm and interesting to me.

Foochow

Sept. 12-1911

Letter

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Rec'd JAN 28 1913

Union Normal School, Foochow, China.

Foochow China, Dec. 11-1912.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

The Mission voted last September that Mr. Smith, Miss Perkins and Mr Beach should be a committee to approach the English and the M.E. Missions in regard to a Union Normal School for men. After several months of reconnaitering and committeemeetings we presented to our three Missions a Constitution, a copy of which is inserted in the Foochow Mission Meeting Minutes of Nov. 20-21.-1912. The English Educational Committee is composed mostly of the Trinity College Dublin men, a group of young men who have been on the field about ten years and haveat last gotten a chance to do some work by themselves. They hesitated to meet with us and when they did, frankly admitted that they did not desire Union in this line. They evidently wish to preserve the ecclesiastical system without hindrance. They claimed also that they had made a standard of admission to Normal courses of graduation from their highest school. We feel that this is unnecessarily high for day-school teachers.

We feel that we have your full sympathy in this movement both as to Normal Training and as to Union. In our Mission the day schools really furnish our best evangelistic field as the children come seven days in the week and form a large portion of the Sunday congregation. It is easy to see that this is a rich field. Our head tachers are all Christians but all are Classical men. Most of the assistant teachers are also Classical men. These Mr Newell has spent much time upon till our schools are more efficiently housed and manned than ever before But some of the schools have been impermeable to his greatest efforts. The best of them, and there are half of the schools very good indeed, the best of them are not at all

Brilliant when it comes to teaching western studies such as arithmetic geography, history, nature-study and the like. Nor are there young men normally trained to be found to take their places, or act as assistants to capable executives. It is our hope to take some of our young men of average ability and train them to useful careers as teachers of these elementary subjects. Now the M.E. Mission has had for some time such a Normal building and for the last four years has had Mr Billing, a trained Normal School Principal to conduct it. He has gradually been getting the school straightened out. But it is obvious that one man cannot make a very efficient "Faculty" for any school, Normal, Theological, Medical or what-not. So far we have had no such department of Education in Foochow College. Its graduates have filled many honorable teaching positions but in much higher grades than day schools. Therefore both the M.E. and our Mission gladly wish to join faces on this highly important matter. We feel that the Normal training of Christian teachers is second, if second to anything, to Theological training only. It is our hope to make this Normal school the future Educational department of the Union University and make it our "Teachers College". At the beginning we plan to have some one of our present force teach an hour or two a day until better arrangements can be made. But our whole educational work needs a man trained especially in Education. Not only capable of training day-school teachers but later on able to give Educational methods to the men who shall be our teachers in our highest institutions. Perhaps we ought to say that the Mission was united in its opinion that Mr Neff, now in Union Seminary, would be a mostacceptible man for the position if he can be secured. He was judged to be a man of rare tact, gentlemanliness, sound judgment and persistency. We believe he would efficiently represent us on this Faculty.

This trained man would teach half his time in the Normal School and the rest of the time have the superintendence of the Day Schools. We know we are asking for a great deal. In spite of our knowledge of the Boards resources we feel emboldened to ask that you give us a thoroughly trained Educationalist, who in time could look forward to teacher training in all grades. We also feel bold to ask for $250 as our share of the running expenses, which includes repairs on the M.E. building which has been offered to us, with limitations, for the use of the school. There is also a boy's boarding school in the building, and the M.E. Mission in Conference with Bishop Bashford last week, voted most cordially to cooperate in this Union Normal School, but could not give us the exclusive use of the building.

For a few years we cannot hope that the English Mission will join us. The M.E. Conference named their Board of Managers Dr Gowdy, Pres. Anglo-Chinese College, and Mr Main, Pres. Union Theol. School. Our Comity Comm. names Mr Beard and Mr Beach. The Mission

We feel that it is one of the most valuable pieces of work we can undertake, to be accomplished with a minimum of expense to the Board. We must lift all along the line, and nowhere can we lift to better advantage than teaching the children, and teaching them effectively.

Yours most sincerely,

Fred P Beach Edward H Smith.

Commissioned by the Mission to write concerning Union Normal.

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Correspondence

Edward W. Smith

This trained man would teach half his time in the Normal School and the rest of the time have the superintendence of the Day Schools. We know we are asking for a great deal. In view of our knowledge of the Board resources we feel emboldened to ask that you give us a thoroughly trained Educationalist, who in time could look forward to teacher training in all grades. We also feel bold to ask for $250 as our share of the running expenses, which includes repairs on the M.E. building which has been offered to us, with limitations, for the use of the school. There is also a boy's boarding school in the building, and the M.E. Mission in Conference with Bishop Bashford [illegible] ~~[illegible] earnestly to cooperate in this~~ Union Normal School, but could not give us the exclusive use of the building.

For a few years we cannot hope that the English Mission will join us.

The M.E. Conference named their Board of Managers Dr Goudy, Pres. Anglo-Chinese College, and Mr Main, Pres. Union Theol. School. Our Conference manager Bond and Mr Beach. The Mission

We feel that it is one of the most valuable pieces of work we can undertake, to be accomplished with minimum of expense to the Board. We must lift all along the line, and nothing can lift to better advantage than to bring the children, and teaching them effectively.

Yours most sincerely,

Edward W. Smith

Commissioned by the Mission to write concerning Union Normal.

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Foochow, China, Dec 12, 1912.

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Boston, Mass.

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Fred. P. Beach
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y dear Mr Barton:-

The letter concerning Union Normal School was a composite
Mr Smith and myself. I sent it to Dr Stokes for his signature. He criticises
thus far, that I seem to lay too much stress in the first paragraph on the
glish Missions refusal. I want therefore to add that it is our hope that the
glish Mission may overrule them, and send them in to the Union, or that in a
w years these Friends men will have gained greater experience and liberality of
new, or that new men will succeed to the control.

Your letter sanctioning an Educational man has just
rrived and fills our hearts with joy. It is the next big move in our
dvance. Inasmuch as our joint letter gives the facts of Union and our
plans aptodate we let it stand and send it on to you to let you know
what we feel and what we have been doing.

In all these plans Mr Smith, Hodous and Beard have been
strong champions. Dr Kinnear has been most sympathetic.

Trusting you are well and able to work with satisfaction

I am yours most cordially

Fred S Beach

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Foochow. China. Jan 10 - 1913.

My dear Doctor Barton :-

Mr Bell's letter concerning General Appropriation and authorization of new missionaries has raised a difference of opinion among the missionaries as to the interpretation of the statements about an Educational Expert for the Normal School. I have not the letter at hand and quote from memory, "The Prudential Committee authorizes a man for Educational work provided the Normal School Union is consummated and provided the Educational Fund can be drawn upon for his support." Some of those who really ought to know say this means that we, here, must plan his salary from the Educational Fund already assigned to Foochow College - namely $1500 gold yearly for expenses and apparatus and native teachers. If this is correct then of course we cannot do it and we get no Educational man. This is the judgment of all, for Foochow College certainly cannot spare a missionaries salary of $1200 gold from its $1500 fund. Nor, as I see it, should the College be asked to finance a man, whom as you say cannot teach in Foochow College, but exactly be assigned to work in the Union Normal School. Therefore, on these

grounds, and on the hope that your Educational Fund has had some substantial increase lately, there are some of us who continue to hope, that you meant that the Educational Committee would have to decide later in council where the funds should be placed. It will certainly be a bitter disappointment, if we cannot have the man, for personally I believe it is one of the most crying needs of this field. It is true in this school business that "the accomodation creates the traffic": for last night at Board of Managers meeting of the Union Normal the M. E. pastor (Chinese) told of their school, properly supervised and taught by a Normal graduate, where they had 67 pupils throughout the year and childrens fees amounted to $400 mex. or about $6½ mex. a year. Parents will send children to a good school. If the best be government then to the government: if the best be Mission then to the Mission. Or to use another parable - in day schools here "nothing succeeds like success." The teacher who succeeds in getting and keeping a good clientage doesnt father us for an increase in his subsidy. The poor teacher keeps complaining he cannot pay his bills. Our appropriation for day schools is limited. The exchange is high, cutting us off 20% on our resources over the years when many schools were added on our list. I cannot find teachers who are competent to ~~do~~ teach both classical and elementary western subjects. To give the children a fair chance at examination time I have feet called upon to give them extra instructors in arithmetic. A normal School graduate would be equipped to do all this work properly.

It looks as if we would have to concentrate our money on 8 or 9 good schools, instead of trying to keep up 16 average ones. Again there were 30 such schools in the same territory 8 years ago.

Now I am not trying to persuade you, for I know you are heart and soul in favor of this teacher training. But we will await with great interest your elucidation of our question concerning the finances for the Educational mans support.

Yours most sincerely

Fred J Beach.

Fred P. Beach

Foochow Jan. 10-1913

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Kuling, China, Aug 11-1913.

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Yours very Cordially

Fred G Beach.

Tulane

Aug. 11-1913

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Tulane, Aug 11-1913.

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Foochow China September 12--1913.

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Authorized to write concerning D. L. Building

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Frank Beach.

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Treasurer A.B.C. Building

Foochow-

Sept. 12-1913

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Diong Loh, China Oct 8, 1913.

Dr. James L. Barton,

Sec. ABCFM.

Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:- A few weeks ago before coming down from Kuliang I wrote you concerning funds for building the evangelistic residence here. We have now been here at Diong Loh for two weeks and have gotten settled and partially rested therefrom. The fact that Dr. Gillette is here also is the real reason why we are able to live here. Dr. Gillette and Mrs. Gillette are finishing their first year of language study. Dr is quite determined to get his language study and not let professional work interefere. I have questioned him in regard to the Medical work here and he seems to prefer to defer the Hospital work for a time till he has gotten farther with the language. Our understanding has been that the Dkong Loh Hospital Fund was put into the Sunday Schools last year and that there is on hand a fund of sufficient size to allow us to commence building. Dr Gillette feels that he does not want a large hospital. Large in the sense that Dr Kinnears city plant is large. We are close enough to Foochow by boat for most major surgical cases to go to Dr Kinnear and all we need is a well-appointed clinic and I should myself say a small hospital for emergency cases and isolation cases. Such being the situation it seems as if it were the right thing to do to concentrate now on the Doctors residence. Dr. and Mrs Gillette have taken Miss Perkins former Chinese residence and while it looks transformed with many pretty things which newly married peoples have, still it is cramped and inconvenient and at best but a temporary expedient. We should begin to bargain for land

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It is rather pleasant here. it is just as noisy as the city but there are green mountains just behind us and fresh breezes at all times. we are gradually getting acquainted with the new faces of the Chinese Christians and learning the local problems. Diong Loh has had a bad name, and Dr Walker writes that we will have a stony field but good experience. We do not expect to do it all this winter but hope we can take a few steps that will make life more acceptable both for ourselves and the peoples with whom we are associated. The first things to do are to get our little colony properly housed and our schools and hospitals built. It is so much more comfortable to have a small community than as it was formerly when Mrs Beach and I were out in the most desolate place I have ever been compelled to live in. I am glad that Mission policy does not trend that way.

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Dieng Loh China Oct 8, 1913.

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But it is our hope that the American Board can see its way, not only to replace the sum withdrawn by the Womans' Board but add a little to it. Since Mr. Newell has returned and I have come here I have only a friendly interest in the work which I carried for a year. But I found that the burden was too heavy for an unsupported pocket-book, ie, unsupported by "Special gifts". I spent $200gold of my own money one year to run the schools on a smaller scale than Mr Newell did. To permit of any advance there should be $300gold a year more than at present; this added to the American Board $425 gold now coming makes the estimate we put in the Appropriations of $1000gold for city schools. Even in face of the rule that "Special gifts"

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The Boys School calls for an appropriation of $3500 for building and asks for $400 for running expenses. There is a splendid opportunity here to start just such a higher grammar school as there is at Ing Hok. The community needs it and will sustain it, and Foochow college needs it to keep the younger boys away from that place. All, or almost all, are agreed that it is not good for the small boys to be mixed with the older ones as at present at the college. Even if the building cannot be provided at once still the appropriation for running expenses will enable us to get the school on such a basis that friends at home will be willing to finance it.

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Foochow Mission, China.

Diong Loh, Nov. 25-1913.

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The Mission here has no precedents to guide them and therefore suggests that you have had such matters to decide before. Even eight years for her is asking condiderable. As to leaving the work here it doesnt seem to make much difference what year it is; Mr Neff will be ready for work in two years and that should relieve somebody to take the field here. Mr Hubbard is really not able to handle the field alone and I feel he should be relieved and another ordained man placed here with us at Diong Loh.

We wish you would be looking forward to our having a years study, preferably at Teachers College and Union Seminary.

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Dear Dr. Barton:- The minutes of the November Mission meeting empower me to take up with you the matter of my furlough. It may seem a little early but when you recall that Mrs Beach has been here six years already and Miss Perkins, who came out with the same time is already on her way home, it is easy to see that Mrs Beach is getting anxious to see her people once more.

Furthermore the lady's strength is not as great as it should be and coupled to the fact that she belongs to the Ward family which doesnt know when to quit, it does not seem safe to ask her to stay till I have finished seven years. We suggest that in two years more she will have been here eight and I five years. This should average any financial demands. It does not appeal to us that she should go home a convalescent. It would be a year spent to little advantage on her part as we look forward to study at Columbia if possible.

The Mission here has no precedents to guide them and therefore suggests that you have had such matters to decide before. Even eight years former is asking considerable. As to leaving the work here it doesnt seem to make much difference what year it is, Mr Nell will be ready for work in two years and that should relieve somebody to take the field here. Mr Hubbard is really not able to handle the field alone and I feel he should be relieved and another ordained man placed here with us at Diong Loh.

We wish you would be looking forward to our having a years study, preferably at Teachers College and Union Seminary.

Yours most sincerely,

Frank Beach

Nov. 25-1913

Furlough

Diongloh -

REC'D MAR 23 1914

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Deong Loh, Feb 24 1914

Dear Mr Bell:-

Now for a semi-informal reply to several of your good letters, which have been highly appreciated. We certainly were impressed by the letter announcing our furlough for 1915. That will give us a glimpse of Panama Exhibition, the great fair ~~have a way of being~~ a year late. We shall probably come home by Pacific and stop a couple weeks in Los Angeles with our church. Then for a month or so in Michigan with my father. Then East for the opening of College.

You asked me my opinion of the Mott Continuation Committee in China. I have been sort of out of the whirl of the Mission, here at D Loh. We have a little whirl of our own. Of course Hodous is on the large committee, but not on the executive committee of the large committee. No one from Foochow is on this central committee, which must be looked to to do the work. I have always supposed the chief function of the Continuation Committee would be a yearly or bi-yearly clearing house of large policies. So far I have heard only of one case, the YMCA I believe, asking the advice of the Com. as to certain projects. Now frankly, why I hedge a little on committing our Union University to their judgment is because we cannot help feeling they do not know much about Fukien and are not able to rightly judge. It is perfectly true Fukien is an out of the way - secondary region from the ordinary commercial view. The tea trade is dead. I don't know when we will get a railroad. And yet it gives you a queer feeling to go out to ~~some~~ one of our little country villages and call on a wealthy man who helps support the church, and be told he was confidential adviser to such and such an emperor, or the like. Our YMCA secretary - Mr Munson, who travelled in convention work a year - says a large share of prominent men in Peking affairs are Fukien men. The province once had the greatest commentator on the classics. Our college boys are constantly spreading to all parts of China, and intellectually our Province can hold its own with any. But commercially we don't count much in the

way of taxes to help out a hard up Peking government. This I judge is the reason the government is leaving Fukien without a University. It is hard on a deserving people. Consequently our colleges are full up. Ned Smith wrote 3 weeks ago his upper grammar school was full up. Beards note today says Foochow College is full up. Our own new school starts with 25 boys in upper grammar and 40 in lower grammar grade. All we can house: little boys from nearly every village in our county. We give them instruction the government cannot possibly afford // Mrs Beach and Mrs Gillette and I each teach English daily. We were never happier. You asked me if I expected to continue in Educational work. I must say I dont know what will be done with us when we get back. We have been so much happier here than we have anywhere else. When we were here before, up in the lonesomest place I ever lived in, we were sick of Ueong Loh. Now we are right in the heart of the city, and we have spent half our time showing the house to visitors. When Mrs Beach walks down the street almost every woman smiles and invites her in. Our new school is all our own, save for the work of 50 years, and the good name of Foochow college.

Last July I spoke out in meeting and said we made no opposition to going to Ueong Loh as it was obvious we were the only ones available. But I hoped they would consider me for the Union University. Now Mr Beard is built on the heroic-soldier-do-what-youre-told- mold and anyone who asks for something prejudices himself with Beard. So far I have not heard a single person of the Comity Comm mention me for the Union Univ faculty. The most important thing to be done, provided we can enter it financially, will be to choose a President. Mr Warnshuis of Amoy. Beard of Foochow. Lowdy of M E Foochow are possibles. Beard said he wouldnt take it. Others say Lowdy isnt big enough. All seem to think Warnshuis is the best available. Warnshuis ~~still~~ is a leader and will probably say quietly to each mission, I'd like so and so from your mission on my faculty. So its all hypothesis with me at present. All we can see is that Ueong Loh is a whole lot pleasanter place to live in than the Foochow city compound.

I have suggested we should select a Union Univ President and send him home to cooperate with the Boards in getting a faculty.

I suppose echos of the Beaches desire for Educational work have reached

you at Boston. I must say I feel it is our greatest hope. We carry on Evangelistic meetings and see no tangible results. A man wont change the habits of a life by hearing one sermon. Ten to one youll hear him a few days later explaining what the preacher said like this, "he said if you worshipped the spirits youd go to hell." Weve got to get more young men with a better training and a more helpful, tolerant attitude, able to lead people up from what they have to better. Our seminary is doing this well, but the older Chinese men here slam it into the idols at every opportunity. That is "Sin" with them.

I go Sundays usually to some country church and hold communion. Old timers will tell you conditions are better and people friendlier than ever before. We are treated well here now. But nevertheless the greatest problems seem very difficult. Self support for churches, who wont help a penny if it is possible to get it by hook or crook from the foreigner. Poor, cramped, aristocracy ridden people! They have been bent for ages beyond the elastic limit. "The only way to get used to liberty is to have it," and make fools of ourselves at our pleasure. Its perfectly true China is not capable of popular government, but ten thousand years of imperialism of the old sort isnt going to do much. Of course the present ruler is favorable to education, friendly to progress that doesnt threaten his power. But I feel that we are merely in a lull in the storm and sooner or later it will all spring up again. When our ruler dies, or his money fails, then look out for chaos. China wants the fruits of western science, but hasnt yet learned the difficult road to the fruit. We must think in terms of generations, not in years, as I see it. Meantime we must keep on teaching the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God - which as Martin of "Life" says "has tremendous power to blow up false things in society - and which has even touched the churches somewhat." So all our work is Educational - saying the simplest words over and over again till the children learn to say them plainly, and explaining over and over again what it means to an apperceptive mass that doesnt have much to attach the new ideas to. But its coming. The older missionaries are astonished at it all.

Meantime to read the papers out here one gets the uncomfortable idea that England and Germany Russia and France each holds out some manufactured article to the

Asiatic asking him to buy, and in the other holds a cocked rifle" to get the German or Jap or American who tries to sell his goods to the same man. Ones Christian sentiments are torn between Charles Jeffersons sentences - "the ripest fruit on the tree of civilization as seen by the Asiatic is a 16" gun." and between the fact that those same guns apparently allow us to live here in China. Or is it possible that friendliness and high moral purpose on the part of America would do it? I dont know. The Chinese likes a foreigner who can be fleeced. He admires one he cannot fleece. He will cheat your eye teeth off if he can, as that is the business ethics of success.

Perhaps you will say I'm pessimistic. But I dont feel so. I see the weaknesses, the selfishness, the deceit, the narrowness - but I also see the goodness, the moral virtues in family life, even in polygamy; men who are able to live comfortably with three wives at a time, where our ultras cannot live with three women one at a time. But if they didnt need help we wouldnt need to be here, and we'd rather be here than anywhere else in the world except Los Angeles - or maybe "Boston" if we consult Mrs Beach!

Now I've breezed along with no apparent continuity, giving you the impression that we feel as if we were over a loaded mine, which may blow up some day, international ~~mixture~~ explosive that's mixing in the commercial world: and with the profound conviction that things are coming our way today, and we must hit today, in the hopes that when it does blow up we will have succeeded in having permanently affected the destinies of the new mass.

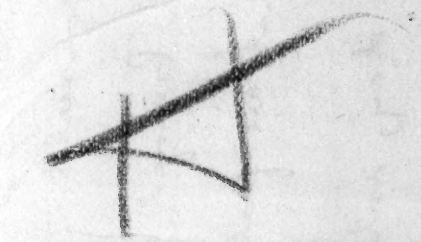
Trusting I have not mixed my metaphors, for the afflatus which compels me to write may have overexcited my literary department.

Yours most cordially

Fred T Beach

Fred. T. Beach

Drongloh: Feb. 24-1914



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REC'D DEC 28 1914

Wuong Loh - Fukien - China - Nov 17 - 1914

Dear Dr Barton:-

I am writing today to Prof T H B Sailer of Teachers College Columbia asking whether there is any way financially by which Mrs Beach and I may study there while on furlough. Prof Paul Monroe said when here Teachers College was planning not to receive any but full fare students. Not even Union Seminary men.

I have corresponded with Yale & Andover Seminaries. At Yale the financial aid will not avail more than $65. At Andover $150. These after paying fees. At Yale I may in virtue of my AM and Union Seminary take special work toward a PhD in Religion. At Andover seemingly will have to be a senior again and work for a BD - as I have none - not taking Hebrew at Union. Teachers College is the best for technical Educational methods and that is fascinating in view of our school work here. The teaching of English to foreigners is a great subject.

In view of these matters - Mrs Beach being at home in Mass does not want to go at once to Oberlin - can you help us, either by advice re Yale, Andover, Union etal, or in regards to a possible way to finance the Teachers College proposition. Perhaps you have some openings, or special information. We are very anxious to make our year count.

Yours most sincerely

Fred T Beach.

F. C. Peach

Deong Loh. Nov. 14-1914

FEB 17 1915

Diong Loh, China, Jan. 11 1915.

Dr. James L. Barton,
Sec'y. American Board,
Boston-U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Barton:-Your letter of Nov. 21 re appropriations has reached us here. We are greatly pleased that you havebeen able to give special attention to the many contingent requests, and that the year has come out so much better than we had dared hope could be.

One sentence is ambiguous and as it is pretty close home to this field I feel compelled to write about it. You say "It is our understanding that the Diong Loh residence is provided for." Now as I see it the Mission left that item in the appropriation request deliberately, on the following understanding. Each year one item is designated as the "special contingent" for the year, meaning that that item is deemed the most urgent of all. It was felt that tho in 1913 the Diong Loh house was so placed as "special contingent", that in 1914 the Diong Loh house was delayed pending the settlement of the Pagoda house and its final disposal by the Prudential committee. This was Mr Beards contention, that in view of the many new families about to be assigned to the city to live that a small house was needed there. Mr Newell has written you fully in that matter. But this was only a placing of emphasis in a new place and the Men's work committee did not take the Diong Loh house off the list for the following reasons. The house the Beach family are now living in was built and designed by the ladies of the W.B.M. and it was made expressly for the use of two, and if necessary, three, single ladies. It was made with the feeling that the Chinese should be sociably met in other buildings than the home. Now these two

features, namely: (a) a Woman's Board house, and (b) not designed for a family with children who are the most interesting exhibit in the missionary repertoire, makes the house quite unsuited for permanent occupation by an evangelistic family wishing to use their home to all its advantage in making friends with the Chinese.

Dr. Strong was impressed, and unfavorably I judge in some instances, by the size of missionary houses in our mission, perhaps in other missions as well. However that may be, when you try to plan a house that will serve as a residence with a possible family of boys and girls; an office for each missionary and a corner for the wife to write missionary letters in, for the mission as yet has built no administration offices; a parlor and dining room big enough to entertain a moderate sized company of Chinese guests or foreign ones, a Christian virtue as per Paul and a vital one here; besides a place where native tailors and sewing women can sit without being in your parlor or bedroom; as well as a place to put trunks and boxes so that they do not need to stay always in the bedroom; then the house can not be exceedingly small without showing a waste in the other direction. Every time one makes a mistake he is apt to correct a little too far; this has been done in this house and in the one Dr. Gillette is now building. I do not see how a family with two boys and a girl can possibly be housed in it. I am on the committee and made a minority protest against it. Now I say frankly, I as well as all others who happen to be on the place when the house is built like to have it made according to our own private predilections, but I am compelled to admit from a scientific standpoint that in view of the many moves from place to place, and the ever recurring early retirement from the field the mission is vitally more interested in

a certain house than the builder. So I give it as my honest opinion that this Diong Loh field will not be properly equipped till it has a residence for an American Board evangelistic-educational family where work and entertaining can be done with freedom.

The finances stand thus: Dr Gillette's, or rather the physician's residence, will take about 2500 dollars of the 4500 appropriated. The balance has not been designated. I am not sure of the technique of its future. The twentyfive hundred dollars from the Pagoda House will be available very soon as Mr Hubbard assures me the deeds are just about cleared up. Now to the sentence quoted. It may mean (a) that you have this excess from the $4500 in mind and also the $2500 from Pagoda and mean this when you state "Diong Loh is provided for": (b) possibly you felt that Diong Loh, on the contrary, had all that it needed already. This is the ambiguity as I read the letter which makes me question its meaning. I am not making any "invidious" comparison between the needs of the city and Diong Loh. As I see it, since the WBMI ladies will move soon to a purchased house, this leaves Dr and Mrs Kinnear the new small house and the single men tutors etc., the house vacated by the ladies. When Mrs Beard comes then a new distribution will be needed but even then the situation here and there is the same. Some one will be on furlough. Ing Hok is already provided with the amount I feel is needed here. I hope that when Mr and Mrs Hubbard retire their successors will come to Diong Loh and cooperate in the educational work as well as the evangelistic, in which case a still further enlargement will be needed.

Our succesors in this field have not been named yet. However, we expect to return, and are happy to do so. We are not unmindful of the blessing already provided. We only wish to have our field equipped and as well adapted to do successful work as the rest.

We hope that in a few years Diong Loh will have become ~~the~~ the representative church center for all this county, the source of inspiration and courage to all the outlying towns.

I feel compelled to write thus, in spite of Mr Bell's letter saying the matter of Pagoda funds must lie on the table till the funds materialized, because if I keep still I fear you will think we, here in Diong Loh, acquiesce in the idea DL is all provided for.

When we get to America we will wish to tell you more about the condition of affairs here, our schools, our preachers, Sunday schools, and our problems. One thing in which Mr Goddard especially helped us was his scolding us for lack of faith that the needed things would some day come. It is all down in the green book that special gifts are not honored greatly in Boston, that a missionary cannot be compelled to shoulder a field previously financed by special gifts, but circumstances on the field go a long way toward annulling the argument, effectively. "Everybody does it", and much of the fine and spectacular work of the mission is special gift work. Appropriations are 80 per cent of actual work. One must spend his salary on his work or be nobody. I am profoundly grateful we are not on the Methodist plan where each has a clear chance at the churches, according to his talent being his reward, and I would be absolutely useless as a means of raising money in Boston, and yet, we need special gifts.

Here I have transgressed good rules by talking of another subject, but the good white paper tempted the "fullnes of the heart" to speak.

Yours most sincerely,

Fred O Beach.

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Jan. 11-1915

We hope that in a few years Diong Lob will have become the representative church center for all this county, the source of inspiration and courage to all the outlying towns.

I feel compelled to write thus, in spite of my dislike to bring the matter of Pagoda funds quite up on the table till the funds materialized, because if I keep still I fear you will think we here in Diong Lob acquiesce in the idea it is all provided for.

Now we get to business. I will tell you how we stand, the condition of affairs here, our schools, our preachers, Sunday schools, and our problems. One thing in which Mr Goddard especially helped us was his scolding us for lack of faith that the needed things would some day come. It is all down in the green book that special gifts are not honored greatly in Boston. Our treasury cannot be really strengthened by a field previously financed by special gifts, but circumstances on the field go a long way toward annulling the argument effectively. Everybody does it, and much of the fine and spectacular work of the mission is special gift work. Appropriations are 60 per cent of actual work. One must spend his salary on his work or be nobody. I am profoundly grateful we are not on the Methodist plan where each has a clear chance at the churches, according to his talent being his reward, and I would be absolutely careless as a means of raising money in Boston, and yet, we need special gifts.

Now I transgressed good rules by talking of another subject, but the good white paper tempted the "fullness of the heart" to speak.

Yours most sincerely,

Mary G. Bond.

REC'D FEB 17 1915

American Board Mission Foochow China

Jan. 12 1915.

Dr James L. Barton,
Sec'y. American Board.
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Re Foochow Mission minutes of July 1914 Vote No. 79 regarding Dr. and Miss Walkers expenses to and from Shaowu during revolution would amend the same by Dr. Walkers advice inasmuch as Miss Walker had already been reimbursed by the Womans Board.

Dr. Walker submits the items as follows:

Boat hire up and down	17.60
Coolie	2.40
Sundries	1.75
	$23.75 gold.

Yours very truly,

Fred B Beach.

Has not this been voted?

Douglas v. Veach

Jan. 12-1915

REC'D MAR 15 1915

American Board Mission - Foochow China

Feb 8 - 1915

Mr James L Barton,
Secretary ABCFM
Boston Mass

My dear Mr Barton:- In reply to yours by Mr Bell asking for the appropriations for Wuong Hok I would add a word of explanation to the filled in form herewith enclosed. You will note we have no station Treasurer. The Mission Treasurer covers all but Shaowu. We draw direct on Mission Treasurer. 2d. The appropriation is assigned by a committee of about fifteen members: this includes the foreign pastors & Mr Newell, a Chinese Pastor and a layman from each field. The salaries & rents are settled in detail at this committee's sessions. The 1915 affairs were settled last week by this committee. A general attempt to have the churches aid in the deficit between appropriation and actual work seems to be hopefully shouldered. Heretofore Mr Smith's special gifts and private funds of foreign pastors have taken care of about $1000 gold. This year about $250 gold will be raised by increased church giving definitely assigned pro rata. I hope it works well.

Yours very sincerely

Fred P Beach.

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JUN 2 1915

My dear Dr. Barton:--

The Blisses, the Kelloggs, the Zumbros and the Beaches, together with thirty or forty other missionaries, arrived last night on the Mongolia, and are being most generously entertained by Mr. Hinman. We will spend the rest of this week at the Exposition, and leave Monday for Los Angeles, where we expect to have a very happy and a very busy two weeks with Dr. Day and the First Church. We will probably reach Lexington, Mich., where my father resides, late in June, where we will visit until just before Mark Ward's wedding, which will probably be the last week in July, in New York.

Will you kindly take up with Mr. Wiggin the question of our salary, As we will probably spend August in Provincetown with Mrs. Beach's family and after that go to some college and study, I am unable to determine when our salary legally should commence. If it could start on our arrival in Lexington, Mich., we would be most grateful.

We have had a most pleasant trip, and although we have not quite got the seasickness out of our systems, we shall thoroughly enjoy America and California air.

If you should care to have me write to you personally what I know and judge about the Chinese-Japanese situation, I will be glad to do so.

Address care Dr. William Horace Day, 946 South Union Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

Trusting that you are in good health, and that we will see you in a few short months,

Yours most cordially,

Fred P. Beach
Ker. G.

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San Francisco.

Beach

June 2-1915

Dear

REC'D SEP 4 1915

Provincetown, Mass, Sept 2, 1915.

My dear Dr Barton:-

Mr Bell's letter informs me I may present arguments for reenforcements to the Union Arts Course in our Fukien Province. I am sorry I have no typewriter at hand. I have in mind of course the prime necessity to man Shaowu. I have also in mind the great need of a man of educational experience for the Normal, but believe that if the Union Arts Course were provided with a new man the Normal could be splendidly carried on between the new man and Mr. Newell.

History of Union Arts Course in Foochow.

It was formally begun in 1911, I believe, by the visit of Dr. Goucher, and largely because of the assurances and optimism of Dr Goucher, of the Educational Comm of Edinburgh Continuation Conference. His hopes were that some large fund, say half a million, could be raised largely from special foundations as Raymond's Missionary Edl funds. With this large scheme in mind of securing a great plant all in one lump anew, the matter was taken up by the Fukien missions in Foochow and away with their home boards who failed to be inspired by our large dreams: about two years on this tack showed that something more practical must be

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Sincerely Fred J Bond

sought. And for the last year or more all our efforts have been to get a real school in actual operation. It must not be supposed that the getting of seven missions in Fukien into harmonious working order on this one proposition has been a spontaneous, easy ~~task~~ thing. On the contrary it has required the utmost of foresight, tact, diplomacy patience ~~&~~ of our best men to accomplish this delicate task. As Dr Arthur Smith said, in a speech concerning the value of the China Continuation Committee, "we discovered after much hard work to secure cooperation on the field that all our results were at naught because there was as yet no cooperation of the Home Boards." Which ~~a~~ he is profoundly grateful has appeared. Such difficulties have largely been overcome as:- Conservative Bishops converted, Conservative old men in ABCFM, Foochow mission converted; Conservative young Church of England men won over: discouraged and debt burdened Amoy missions encouraged by easy terms: in all these things Mr Hadous has played a large part and has been ably seconded by Mr Beard's great patience and tact. Figures have been gathered by Mr Hadous on the actual cost to ~~of~~ our schools for teaching and housing our highest grades: figures convincing that if once it is granted that we need to extend our high schools into real colleges we can only afford to do so by cooperation. A final present fact in the history is that since my departure in May (1914) the Union Arts course has been consummated, and will open this Sept. in the old YMCA bldg owned by the Union Normal: Mr. Edw. Jones

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Sincerely Fred J Beard

of the Methodist Mission (long confidential adviser to Dr John Lowry) as acting President, and Mr Newell of our mission assigned to perhaps ¼ to ⅓ of his time in teaching. Mr Hadons and Mr Jones are reported as during this August being in Amoy to clinch them there in their cooperation, which was cordially promised last May. The curriculum leading to a real AB is to be added as the students reach it.

The Question of Necessity.

(a) In general, ie for China.

At the time of the revolution a large scheme was in theoretical operation by the Government. In a former letter (1912? probably) signed by Mr Hodous, Mr Peet and myself, the inexperience, the inadequacy, the lack of correlation between schools, the unwillingness to receive advice from foreigners, the vacillations of the student body were set forth in some detail. The Provincial University (or College) was the most carefully prepared for of all schools. The primary schools were inadequate to prepare the student, especially in English, whereas College lectures were in English. (This accounts for the Diong hoh government school students coming to us in a body for our English. Also Org Haks asking Ned Smith to oversee their schools.)

After the revolution, funds were seriously curtailed. Altho it is commonly reported that there is plenty of money in China among the people, notably merchants, yet fear of change, unwillingness to pay more than one adminstration huge sums for protection, unwillingness to ~~fatten~~ fatten officials bank accounts has kept this money hid in the back yard, or the traditional stocking. Since the European

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war, causing failure of more "five power loans", China by necessity has been financing herself successfully. Not enough for schools perhaps but with growing prosperity based on continuing peace these schools will take on new life, and that very soon. Primary schools are to be greatly emphasized. "Morality, militarism and practicability" are to be their aim. $680,000 mex is the estimate for a years work in Fukien, and other provinces are much the same.

Our mission schools are taxed to their full by the present popularity. "Foochow College" houses and instructs 280 students, only 35 or 40 in the Middle School, or 3d-~~4~~ four years. We graduate at most ten, sometimes 3. yearly. Of the ten this June none went to the Seminary to prepare for preaching careers. Our Mission's plans are to ~~so~~ build up Primary schools, as at Dong Hoh, Ing Hok, Sew-Ceo-dong (Conasong) and other outlying points, as to fill our present College quarters with Middle School students: 300 instead of 30: Send those who can profitably pursue a college course on to the Union Arts Course. I am profoundly convinced we as a Mission, or a church, suffer in China, both Educationally and Evangelistically and Socially because we have not the joyous big swing of a big crowd, such as all the common people enjoy many times a year in their own religious feasts and theatres.

Our fields have many villages yet without churches, preachers, teachers. Mr Hodous put a ~~of~~ small portion of the $500 special new evangelistic fund for 1914 into my field. With 6 towns

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wanting preachers, towns of 3000 to 10000 people I could not find a man fitted to go. We have to take schoolchildren and make preachers of them (12 years hence.). Now a word as to the men we have. One half my preacher friends in my field are successful, big men. Able to stand up in their community and compel the respect of merchant, rich man, scholar. These men are yearly drawing more and more influential people about them in their churches. One half my men sit at home because they cannot compel the respect of the community. Our most vital need evangelistically is a thoroughly educated ministry, coupled of course with a rich strong personality. We know of no better way to get them than thorough education.

When Dr Paul Monroe of Columbia was in Foochow he asked, what is the aim of your Mission schools. I said "to train Christian leaders, influence civilization." Next day he in a speech said our aim was 1st to influence civilization, 2d train preachers. I knew he was right but supposed, the day before, our Constituents would demand evangelism first. "Wherever the Bible goes, there it creates reverence for individual personality and longings for democracy." If one returned Chinese student is good a dozen home trained are a hundred fold better. Other schools, as St Johns at Shanghai - Baptist at Shanghai are already giving AB courses. This leads us to the second

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Emerson Fred J Beach

question.

(b) Why a College in Fukien.

The first China Continuation Comm brought in a report advising for 4 large Universities. North, East, South, West - Location to be settled later. It named some places as possibilities. Fukien was omitted at first in the report but representations caused it to be added. The Home Boards have been apparently greatly reliant upon the C.C. Comm's reports. As a consequence our Fukien Comm sent last summer a recommendation to the CCC, that there be but one great university, complete in all respects, and all other Provinces be allowed to develop Arts courses feeding the Univ. This the CCC passed over to the China Ed Society of which Dr Gamewell is chairman. They refused to make any recommendations, and advised that a committee of foreign educational experts be invited to survey China in 1916 and report. The Comm has since been named as follows: Dr Michael Sadler of Leeds, England: Dr E D Burton, Chicago, Dr T H B Sailer, & Dr Gamewell for China. The CCC has learned by the criticism which has poured in from every quarter that it is not wise for it to say offhand that one province is fit to have a school and another is not. For instance Shantung Univ in the North is far ahead of Peking schools - and yet the capital ——!

The former proposals of the English Missions in Fukien

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Dr Goucher, last spring, while in Foochow, greatly encouraged the Fukienese missionaries to continue; placed a high ~~value~~ estimate on the value and place of Fukien and its people; personally guaranteed $1000 a year for 2 years towards expenses. The missions are asked for (as I remember it) $800 mex yearly and one foreign teacher.

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I can only add, that the action of the best leaders in Fukien in going ahead anyway, support or no support, is best evidence of our profound conviction in Fukien that this Arts Course is vital now, and to be increasingly vital to all our future usefulness in the Province and for China.

Yours most respectfully

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19 La Salle St - Am. Bd Rooms
Chicago, Oct 4 1915

Mr James L Barton
Sec. American Board.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr Barton:- A letter from Mr Beard asks me if I would accept an invitation from the Board of Mngrs of the Union Arts Course to teach in that institution; further that he has sent a copy of the letter to you. I had a letter from Mr Newell offering to go to Wiong Hsien and trade work with me. I ~~had~~ had already answered Mr Newell that I preferred to go back to Wiong Hsien, and I have answered Mr Beard the same way. My only regret is that henceforth I cannot feel that I have been sent to Wh, but that I have asked for it. We have been much happier and freer in our work at Wh than in the city, and have far more opportunities for constructive work and individual, friendly contact with the people. You may imagine also it is easier to be at a moderate distance from the city compound and its constant problems of internal affairs.

Have been much pleased to meet Messrs McBride, Burr, Partridge & Bodewell; was greatly pleased to meet my old seminary friend Vetteen. We are meeting with many cordial receptions and an occasional stony spot, here in Chicago. I prefer Wiong Hsien Yours Cordially Fred G Beach

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Rev. Enoch F. Bell,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Bell:-

I knew you would approve of the actions of the young missionaries in the Foochow Mission, and your letter was proof that I was right. We were very glad indeed to receive your cordial note, and we assure you that we will endeavor "as a team" to do better work for the cause.

We have not yet heard from Dr. Barton, but probably his blessings will come in a mail soon. Mr. Beach will be writing you soon, but in the meantime we both wish to thank you very cordially for your good wishes and congratulations.

We spent our honeymoon here on Kuliang, the summer resort for this part of China. Having the wedding the first of June enabled us to get up here before the crowd, and we did have some happy days on these glorious hills, The others of the missionary circles have been coming up a few at a time lately, so we are not the sole possessors of these glories. Neither are we "the newest" sight. Mr. Johnson of the Canton Mission has brought his bride up here. They are living at a house very near the Newells and taking their meals with Mr. and Mrs. Newell. The saying is here that Brides and Babies are to be the excitement and subjects of interest at Kuliang this year. Inspite of their teasings, we are a happy pair, and bid fair to continue so.

Again with many thanks for your kind letter, believe me,

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Boston, Mass.

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Your cordial letter of June 30th came to us a week or so ago, and I want to get ahead of Mr. Beach in expressing to you how much that letter was appreciated by two happy folk in their honey moon cottage here at Kuliang. We have been saying for some time that we would feel better about our behaviour of the past few months when we heard from Dr. Barton. Perhaps I have made that sort of a remark more often than Mr. Beach has, because I know the friends at the Rooms a little better than he does. I felt dure that your letter would not say that you regretted this action on our part. However the Woman's Board do have a hard time with their ladies, in this line, and they must become quite discouraged when such cases as this come so often to disturb their plans. I do not mean to be unsympathetic, and I know that really in their heart of hearts they are glad for us both.

I do not know whether we have ever told you personally that our family has always held that you had some part in making Edwin see what a fine young lady Charlotte Allen was. We never have blamed you for this, but rather been glad. I am sure the results "have helped on the work" there in Turkey. In my own case I charge Mr. and Mrs. Hodous withhaving played the part of "middle man". They did it well all along the line, and I trust that no one will ever have cause to blame them for so doing. I will do my best to make everyone glad in the coming years.

Once more may I tell you that we were pleased to have received your good letter and we thank you for all the good wishes expressed. We are rejoicing over the news of Miss Clara Dornblaser's coming to Foochow. As yet the Mission have not taken formal action as to where we will be located this next term, but they will probably vote to have us go to Ponasang, so that I can teach some in the Girls' College. You will hear of their final action before long. With kindest regards to Mrs. Barton and yourself, believe me,

Gratefully Yours,

Ruth Ward Beach.

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Kuliang, Foochow, China.

August 14th, 1914.

Miss Kate G. Lamson,
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There is no doubt in our minds that you realize the great need of the Diong Loh district in the line of woman's work, especially now that Miss Perkins is to be taken away from that field and put at Ponasang. It will take several years for anyone to get the details of the work there so well in hand. You have undoubtedly had more than one conference with Miss Perkins on this subject and I feel sure she has presented the claims of that field as strongly as anyone can. But I should like in this letter to give expression to the feeling of the Mission in this matter.

The Mission realizes that the work at Diong Loh has tremendous opportunity at this time. With the dedication of a new church, an increase of American Board workers, including a doctor's family, and the opening of a higher grade of school for boys, more day schools for girls, a new residence for the Woman's Board workers, counting in also all the far-reaching effects which each one of these facts implies, our faith has been strengthened, and we have a larger vision of what God has been planning and is now able to do for his children just there.

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Talking to Miss Lawson

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My sister Laura arrived here with Miss Perkins and Miss Cook the Sunday after Christmas and it seems good indeed to see a member of our family after these seven long years away from them all. It was a great disappointment to her that because of the war she could not go via Turkey and see the Turkey-ites of our family, but we trust that when her first furlough comes she may be able to go around that way and call at Beirut at least. We are eager for definite news of Mark's plans, whether he will be able to go out to Turkey before we get home for our furlough. I am selfish enough to hope that he will not start before we have a chance to see him and the lady of his choice.

Thanking you for your always cordial letters and wishing to you all at the Rooms the best of New Years in 1915, believe me,

Yours Sincerely,

Ruth Ward Beach

(Mrs. F. P.)

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Diong Loh, Foochow, China.

January 1st, 1915.

Dr. James L. Barton,
Sec. American Board.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Some weeks ago we received a letter from Mr. Bell giving in two sentences the decision that Miss Osborne was not to return to the Foochow Mission. At the last meeting of the Committee Ad Interim it was voted to reiterate our request that Miss Osborne be returned to us.

Miss Osborne has worked most successfully in the field here, is thoroughly familiar with Diong Loh, has lived here through many years when she and one other single lady were all the force the Mission could muster for Diong Loh. She not only made of the lonely girls' school on the hill a pleasant, cheerful, Christian home, but she and her associate toured through this field, strengthening the weak faith of the church members, visiting in the homes of the heathen women, bringing them into Bible Station Classes, and teaching them how to read and especially to pray. In nearly every village where we tour to-day, she is spoken of and the question is eagerly asked, when will she return to Diong Loh.

Though she came to the field later in years than some of the new workers do, she learned this difficult language so that she was fully capable of carrying on continued conversations with the people. This item alone means at least four years to the Board. At present Miss Blanchard is carrying on all the work of the Woman's Boards for this field, the local boarding schools and all the itinerating work, which with all the growing opportunities of the past few years is a task for two at the least. Miss Blanchard's furlough will be due in exactly three years. Any new worker for this field can hardly arrive before the end of 1915, and would barely be able to complete

two years of language study by the time Miss Blanchard goes home. Miss Blanchard has repeatedly and openly stated that she does not expect to return to China after her furlough. We have taken special occasion to enquire of Pastor Ding, who has been here for twenty years, as to Miss Osborne's ability in the language, and he assures us that she was, as we stated above, fully competent to carry on her work, and converse easily with the people.

Again, Miss Osborne was no common missionary, but from the very first made herself independent of all stifling influences in Mission politics, and welcomed all that was broad and enlarging in methods. She carried on her work with a keen devotion, and loved and still loves Diong Loh, where she had so consistently applied all her talents. She is a lady of exceptional effectiveness in public speech and in letters and has done significant service for the work in awakening interest in China among the people at home. Having taken pains to enquire we are assured that there is no opposition to her return to this Mission. It is not mere politeness when we say that she is unanimously desired by the Foochow Mission, for we warmly admire her and concede large qualities of leadership and talent to her.

We have written to you before of the larger opportunity that confronts us now at Diong Loh. The new, beautiful church on the public street has demonstrated vividly, by the large audiences of four hundred which we have on "extra" days and of nearly three hundred regularly, that the "accomodation creates the traffic" to a large extent. We are not able to express our gratitude for this church and the tremendous help it is proving itself to be.

We are told that there are not enough young people of our denomination, desiring and desired, for the vacant places in our fields. Here is

one who has proved eminent qualities by experience, ready to step into the work, and fitting into our Mission exceptionally well. We trust that a careful reconsideration of the Mission request in view of our needs will be made.

Believing that this can be adjusted in a happy manner, we are your most devoted and cordial children,

Most Sincerely,

Fred B. and Ruth M. Beach

Authorized by the Ad Interim Comm.

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Shrewsbury, Mass.
Oct. 19-1915.

Rev. Mr. Bell -
14 Beacon St. -
Boston, Mass.

My Dear Mr. Bell:-

A letter recently received from Miss Hartwell of the Foochow Mission speaks of having sent a "Mission letter" regarding funds needed for Kindergarten work in Foochow to the W. B. M. P.. She states that I can probably secure a copy of that letter from Dr. Barton's office. and I would like to do so at your earliest possible convenience. Also a copy of another Mission letter regarding the need of a doctor and nurse for the Foochow Mission.

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me if I can know now the latest requests of the Mission and the explanations thereof. Conditions change so rapidly out there that I feel what I knew to be the circumstances when we left Foochow are very likely somewhat different now. And I am constantly meeting people who want to know the latest news in these various situations.

This is a busy time for you all at the Rooms but I hope you can turn this matter over to a stenographer so that I can have the data in hand before I start for New Haven Friday of this week.

Kindly thank Mr. Case for so thoughtfully sending me word of the cable message from Salonica about Mark

Gratefully
Ruth Ward Beach

Mrs. F. C. Beach

Shrewsbury-Mass. Oct. 19-1915

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Lexington, Michigan, Aug. 25th, 1916.

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I send this message to you because I feel most grateful to all concerned with Tank Home for what it has meant to us during our furlough. We leave in a few days for China, a very happy family,

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What did we do? Well we had many reminiscent addresses. But we also looked into the future and appointed a committee to take steps toward some kind of a union of the three Congregational missions in China. We are in three widely seperated places:- North China in the provinces of Shansi, Chihli and Shantung- South China in Canton and in Hong Kong- and here in Foochow in Fukien province. Representatives of all threeMissions were present and were all of one mind that we would be greatly benefited by getting together. It would also be an aid to the Board at home to know the combined wisdom of the three missions on various questions that come before them for decision.

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JAN 25 1912

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287 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

Jan. 24th 1912.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.,
14 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Thank you for yours of Jan. 22nd, regarding the attitude of the Prudential Committee toward the union Christian University for the Fukien Province. This I think gives me everything that I desire to know.

I note that you have received the minutes of the Foochow Mission giving the resignation of Mr. Peet as president of the College and the call of the Mission for me to go out as president of the college, if possible by September of this year. I shall probably be able to respond favorably to this call. It would hardly be right, however, for me to leave the matter with this one brief sentence. Possibly that is the way in which it will come before the committee. I want to add just two or three statements.

The first is that this is the last position in the whole work of the mission that I desire. I have always hoped that there would never come a call to me to become president of that college, and I would accept it only because the call seems to be unanimous from the Mission and because the Prudential Committee ask me to do it.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D. No 2.

The second thing that I would say is this, that I had hoped for family reasons that I might have at least one more year in this country. This concerns the education of the children entirely.

Third, it would probably be unwise for Mrs. Beard to accompany me this year. She would very likely stay with the children for two or three years at the end of which time she would leave the four oldest and bring with her the two youngest.

Four, it would seem to me quite worth while if not almost necessary that I should have some time to study the workings of a college in this country while it was in session. I do not know whether the suggestion that I might live in Oberlin say for two or three months next fall before starting for Foochow, would meet with approval or not. This would necessitate the Foochow Mission finding some one to run the college for the first term after the summer vacation. It would allow me to study the working of Oberlin College and then it would let me get back to Foochow and be with the college there for a month or more at the end of this first term before I had to take over the whole work.

It would be exceedingly difficult for me to go back in the summer and start in with that college having had no experience in the details of the working of a college and then having been away from the language for two years and a half or more. It takes a man at least a month to adjust himself after having been away from the field as long as this, and it takes him two or three months to get back into the language having been away as long as I have. I think you will understand that this latter is largely in the way of suggestion. The first sentence will let you know that I am holding myself to do what is best. Very sincerely yours,

W. L. Beard

New York

Jan. 24, 1912

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Dear Mr. Wilson

Yours truly

Grace

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287 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

Feb. 1st 1912.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.,
14 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Thank you for your interesting letter of Jan. 31st. I think you understand perfectly that I am not in the least hurry about this matter of my return to the Foochow Mission. I had a very pleasant note from Dr. Patton the other day in which he referred to it in a very sympathetic manner. My impression is that while the Foochow Mission might desire that I return in time to open the college next fall, yet the main thing which they are after is the definite assurance that I am coming back soon. I do not think they would place strenuous emphasis upon next Sept. as the time if I could set for them the month of December.

With regard to just how my time should be spent in looking over one or two model colleges here, I should very much prefer to hold that in abeyance until I could have a conference with you and Dr. Patton. I shall plan to be present at the meeting of the representatives of societies working in China in the Presbyterian rooms, Thursday, Feb. 29th.

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abdication of the throne in China. I hope that this may mean cessation of hostilities and the beginning of order in the country.

I am glad also to note that Miss Mary S. Ledyard has been appointed for the kindergarten work in Foochow.

Very sincerely yours,

W. L. Beard

New York Feb. 1-1912

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ev. James L. Barton, D.D.,

14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

y dear Dr. Barton:

I am sending you just a parting word as I take the steamer for oochow, China. For two weeks I have been on the road from Putnam, Conn. o this city. One night I spent with Dwight Goddard. No one could be ore interested in the work of the Board in general and in the Foochow ission and the Ing-hok Station in particular than both Mr. and Mrs. oddard. He has done very much for both the Mission and the Ing-hok tation during the last year or two and he will do more as the days go n. Since 1900 he has made at least $50,000 and both he and Mrs. Goddard ill give very generously to the work of the Board. His last words to e were "If you people in Foochow need anything, let me know." I say his in confidence because I hope that it will be possible and seem wise o make him a Corporate Member as soon as possible. I have the best of easons to think that this will please him and that it will also be proftable to the Board.

I think I wrote just a note of thanks to you for the good letter which you left with Miss McManigal in New York City a few weeks ago.

Yours very cordially,

W. L. Beard
per D. J. S.

ictated, but not read by Mr. Beard.

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Foochow, China.
Nov. 30th 1912

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.
14 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass.
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Two weeks ago today found me entering Foochow after an absence of three years lacking two months. The ocean voyage was unique in that I found myself able to sit up and have my berth made up every day and take nourishment with enthusiasm every time it was offered — even on the trip from Shanghai to Foochow. I should add that this happy condition was not due to any virtue of mine but to clear skies and smooth seas.

In Japan I took the land trip from Yokohama to Kobe — and saw Prof. Abé Iso (a Hartford Sem'y classmate) as he lectured to two hundred Japanese students in Waseda University. He took me to call on Count Okuma. "Japan's greatest need" said he "is for leaders. The new government in China is too centralized. The provinces should be given more authority in their own affairs."

I had also a good talk with Dr. D. C. Greene of Tokio and Mr. Lombard of Kioto. Both these talks greatly strengthed my conviction of several years standing that we should give to the Chinese pastors, preachers, teachers and

Stockton, Calif.
Jan. 30th 1913

Rev. J. T. Beaton D.D.
14 Beacon St
Boston, Mass
U.S.A.

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In Yokohama I took the long tub from Yokohama to Moji — and you find Mr. Jack Hoffard Jerry Clemments to be returning to the Immanuel Japanese Student on Wednesday. He took us to call on Count Okuma. Japan's greatest man, he is a Christian. He was formerly in China in the Cantonese. The Chinese should be given more authority in their own affairs.

I had also a good talk with Mr. C. Inoue of Tokyo and the Jornbond of Mito. Both were talking greatly strong the conviction of several years standing that we should give to the Chinese Pastors, teachers and

lay leaders greater authority – which is the only way to give them greater responsibility. The time is already on us when we must decrease and allow the Chinese leaders to increase, and if we do this of our own accord we will still hold our place of influence – if we wait to be told to give place it will be to lose much of our influence with the Chinese leaders. This transition will come gradually and naturally rather than thru legislation, altho one vote at the recent mission meeting pleased me very much i.e. we voted to change the term by which we as missionaries have been designated to the term by which only Chinese pastors have hitherto been known. This makes me on an equality with the Chinese pastors. I am a (Muk Su now) (Shepherd or Pastor) I was a (Gau Seu) (Religious Teacher or Manager)

But the difference in the meaning of the terms is not of prime significance here. The important thing is that the distinction between a Chinese pastor and a foreign pastor does not now exist.

Another move in this direction is the change in the name of the Cong'l Church in Foochow on some of the printed matter. Our name has been the Mei (American) Buo (Board) Huoi (Church or Society.) It is coming to be the (Congregational) Sung Li (Church or Society) Huoi.

Another very encouraging sign is the interest the Chinese are taking in a polity which is to help in organizing the Congregational churches here. In this polity the missionary

W. H. Blair

will have a vote equal in weight to the vote of a Chinese pastor. His autocracy will be gone.

These changes are especially interesting to me because they were talked of — some of them for the first time — when I was here as a member of the mission between 1894 and 1902.

I went up to Nanking from Shanghai to see the Union University, Union Bible School or Theol Semy. and the Union Language School for New Missionaries.

Every one with whom I talked in Nanking was enthusiastic over the Union University, and committees are at work to bring the University, the Bible School, the Medical School and the Women's Bible Training School into one Union Organization. I looked into the Language School quite carefully and attended the classes. The class that had studied three weeks had made as much progress and had a more accurate foundation than the average new comer in Foochow gets by studying alone with his teacher for two months. There is no reason why we should not have a language school in Foochow — with three new missionaries in our mission and at least four in the Meth. At our meeting last week Mrs Hubbard and myself were appointed a committee to take the matter up with the other missions.

It's good to be back where you can feel things move, and where there's no one else who wants your job and where no one else could take it if he wanted it, and where you feel you are making an impression

Very Sincerely Yours

W. J. Beard

Teachers?

Nov 30, 1912.

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Foochow, China.
Dec. 19 - 1912

Rev. Enoch Bell
14 Beacon St
Boston Mass.

Dear Mr Bell:—

Thanks for the good letter under date of Nov. 12 - that arrived to night. I was glad to note in a letter from one of the missionaries on furlough that Mr Neff has applied for appointment to Foochow. I hope that nothing will prevent his receiving the appointment and reaching Foochow next Fall. The Shing Loh field must have a missionary resident. and there must be one at Ponsang. I am hoping it will seem best to us to ask for Fellow of Union to come out specially for Sunday School, Day School and Normal School work — and that the Board will send him.

I have nothing to do as yet!! — except teach five classes a day attend college prayers — preach twice on Sunday and two or three times a week between — eat Chinese feasts once or twice a week — grant interviews to men and women of all classes — play tennis, eat and sleep — and write a letter to Putnam in between times — What a blessing work is! And what a satisfaction it is to be wanted, and to feel that because you are lifting the load others! You must not expect anything from me on college matters for a few months to come

Yours truly, Olivia.

Dec 19 - 1912

Dear Aunt Bess

14 Beacon St

Boston Mass.

Mon Cher Bess,—

Thank you for the good letter made 7 days of Dec. 12. That seemed to mail. I was glad to get it in a little time, and for the information on Lindsay's Act. I will see officers for affirmative if possible. I hope that meeting will succeed in securing the officers and members for the work.

We are having a very good time here as a consistory association and I am most happy at Princeton. I am taking it easily since last to be at and for Pastor of Olivia. It seems very special for Sunday School, day School and Women's Fellowship work — and that the Good will bring them.

I am anything to do except!! — except teach this class a day after College Prayer — Just time on Sunday and I am there a week before — Let Christmas just one week — Start midnight to run and among of all classes — Pray them, set and stay — and work a little at Pastor in better time — What a blessing work! And what a satisfaction it is to be worked, and to feel that Christ becomes you are fighting the Lord course! You must not expect anything from me as College Pastor for a few months. It comes

I begin to get under Gom. 1 and by the middle of Feb I shall expect to be in full swing. and may have somewhat to write

With kind regards to all in the Boston office. I am

Very Sincerely Yours
W. F. Beard

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Foochow, China
Jan. 11th 1913

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.
14 Beacon St, Boston,
Mass. U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

A few months since the engagement of Miss Clara Dornblaser to Mr. E. H. Munson of the Y. M. C. A. in Foochow was announced. Of this you already know. I had a long talk with Mr Munson a few days ago, and at his request I am writing you.

1. Miss Dornblaser has written Miss Lamson of the Woman's Board telling her of the engagement and asking that a young woman to take her work here be found as soon as possible; also stating that she planned to stay by the work until her successor arrived. This is all that either Miss Dornblaser or Mr Munson have written to the Board.
2. Both Mr Munson and Miss Dornblaser desire to do nothing to embarass Miss Lamson or the work of the Girls' School. They do however earnestly ask the Board to find Miss

Hamblaser's successor as soon as possible, hoping that she may arrive next Fall = Sept. 1913 so as to release Miss Hamblaser at that time.

3. Mr. Munson will see that the Board is reimbursed in full for Miss Hamblaser's travelling expenses to Foochow and for any outfit money received by her from the Board.

Both Mr. Munson and Miss Hamblaser have seen this, and as far as I know no one else in Foochow knows that I am writing. So you are at liberty to consider it merely a personal letter.

I am going to add a word which they have not seen. Mr. Munson is an exceptionally capable man — well balanced and well liked by the Chinese. There is a possibility that the Association will take him for the National work and move him to Shanghai. This I shall do all in my power to avert. We need men like him in Foochow.

Very Sincerely Yours

W. L. Beard

Foochow. Jan. 11-1913

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Mr. Dr. Barton:- Rec'd MAR 6 1913

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Please send copies of the enclosed letter to the following persons

Rev Lewis T. Reed
335 Rugby Road
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Rev H. C. Ide
41 S. 9th Ave
Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

Rev. F. R. Sargent
Putnam
Conn.

Thanking you
I am
W. J. Board

W. L. Beard

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Foochow, China, Feb, 5th, 1913.

Re v. J.L Barton, D.D.
14 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton;-

China is certainly becoming a modern nation. At the graduating e-xercises of Foochow College on Jan. 21st. Governor Chang, of the province of Fukien, and three other high officials were present. The Governor was in western costume, appeared at ease, was unaffected in his manner and was natural and to the point in his brief address. In the Photograph Governor Chang sits in the middle of the front row, the only Chinese in Foreign costume.

Governor Chang's soldiers are Hunanese. There is an element in Foo chow that would send these men home and put Foochow men in their places. Last Friday four men were arrested for trying to instigate the people of Foochow to drive out these Hunanese soldiers. Saturday night two of these men were shot by the authorities.

Feb. 4th. as Governor Chang was crossing the bridge on his return from a call, a bomb was exploded just in front of his chair. One mounted soldier of his body guard was injured, the others of his retinue and he himself escaped. It was the next to the last day of the Chinese year when the streets are very crowded and at this point traffic is always congested. Just at this point also the chair coolies congregate with their chairs waiting for fares.

Dr. Kinnear was summoned as soon as possible. He found eleven bodies very badly mutilated, seventeen had been taken to one Hospital and one was brought to ours. How many were blown i-nto the river will probably never be known. IT is reported that twemty were thus lost.

Two reports are current, one that the bomb was intended to kill the Governor, the other that a box of bombs to be used later was being carried over the bridge, and the box exploded sooner than was intended. All is quiet now as far as we can see or learn.

Feb. 6th.

Today is China Ne-w Years. From my observations on the street today and from the racket last night when I was trying to sleep I judge Foochow is some distance from universally adopting solar time. The Governmentt schools closed just before Christmas, and tried to ope-n again after New Years. It was not an unqualified success. I am thinking favorably however of closing the year in Foochow Colle-ge at Christmas instead of at China New Years if all goes well thru the year.

Next week I plan to be in Ing Hok for the Annual Meeting of the station, and conduct a daily Bible class and give two addresses then repeat the same at the Winter Student's Conference of the Y.M.C.A the next week. College opens Feb. 26th.

Very Sincerely Yours,

W. L. Beard.

I am sending a photograph taken just after the graduating exercises Jan. 21, The first row are six Chinese guests Governor Chang in foreign costume. The others of the up are the College faculty, missionaries and one American teaching in the Government College
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Foochow, China
March 22nd 1913

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.
14 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass. U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Barton:

It gives me pleasure to acknowledge yours of Jan. 14th enclosing the very interesting findings and suggestions of Dr. Sailer on fitting the course of study in our schools to the needs of the pupils. I do not think that we here in China are greater sinners in this respect than at home. But it is sad to see several boys kept in schools that are planned for students for the ministry when these boys do not have an ounce of ministerial protoplasm in them, and might make good carpenters or masons. I was much interested the other day to hear one of the Chinese teachers in the college say with regard to two different boys that the mission in some way has been helping and both of whom failed in examinations last year. "He can't learn, he should go into a trade."

The only radical change I have made thus far in the College is to make the faculty meeting a regular

weekly meeting and to make a joint meeting of both Chinese and foreign teachers. I do not expect this will bring in the millennium at once, but I should not dare in this age of the new China to undertake to direct the life of two hundred and fifty seven (257) boys and young men without the closest association with the teachers of their own race.

It is gratifying to find the old number of pupils restored. We have been obliged to refuse admittance to several on account of lack of dormitory room. The sudden increase of about one hundred students is somewhat of a strain on all concerned. But we are running smoothly now.

The boys are all anticipating hearing Sherwood Eddy next week.

The numerous walls in the city compound are fast disappearing and when you come to foochow next time you will be able to go about from one house to another without a guide.

The mission have asked me to take charge of the Press and at a recent Conity Comm meeting I was asked to take the work of Corresponding Secretary. The Press is a problem but I will

manage in some way to make it less omnipresent than it has been. I have already moved parts of it from the College building and it is now under one roof.

The news that Neff is coming in the fall is good. How about Mr. R. A. Felton of Union Seminary for the Normal School?

Very Sincerely Yours

W. L. Beard

The last carried two photographs for you. The larger one is of the Foochow College delegation to Students Winter Conference under Y.M.C.A. auspices. Foochow College furnish the quartette for the college and the smaller photo is the picture of this quartette. Our boys took the honors in basket ball — for the afternoon — Northfield style — are given to sports. You must not publish this — but you should know it. I was one of two foreigners asked to teach a Bible class and the only foreigner asked to be a leader in class.

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N. L. O'Leard

Foochow. Mar. 22-1913

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TREASURER,
H. N. KINNEAR, M. D.
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,
REV. W. L. BEARD.

April, 9th. 1913.

Rev. Enoch C.Bell

14 Beacon St.

Boston , Mass.

U.S.A.

My dear Mr. Bell:-

As Corresponding Secretary of the Foochow Mission it gives me pleasure to acknowlege the following letters from you;- All were addressed to Rev. L.P.Peet.All but the latest were received by him and his memo tells me that they were not acknowleged.

The letter of Jan. 22 dealing with the extension of Mr. Newell's furlough and other matters; that of Jan. 29 announcing the sailing of Miss Margaret E. Weed; that of Feb. 14 mentioning the matter of $100 asked by the mission for the Union Medical School,mentioning the Union Normal School proposition, and reporting the appointment of Mr. Clarence A.Neff as a missionary to the Foochow Mission; referring also to the question of the sale of the Pagoda Anchorage property, and stating that the Prudential Committee had formally approved the additional grant of $2600 gold for the Ladie's Residence at Foochow City.; that of Feb. 19 referring to the Union Normal School and that of Feb. 27 received today stating that the Prudential Committee had granted $1000 gold for recording and stamping deeds of mission property.This I think brings the acknowlegements up to date.

In a letter to Mr. Beach we are glad to learn that the Prudential Committee has authouized the finding of a man for the Union Normal School.

Miss Margaret E.Weed arrived friday evening March 28th. On April 3rd she became Mrs. Charles L.Gillette M.D. The wedding passed very pleasantly and they have been happy ever since.I trust it is not part of the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to describe the bride's dress etc. Dr. and Mrs. Gillette were married in their own home where they are now -- in a suite of rooms in the new Hospital. I am their next door neighbor.

On ~~April~~ March 3Ist.Mr. Ling Caik Ua, preacher at the Hartwell Memorial church in Foochow city was ordained. If it were in the U.S. the Congregationalist would say, "Sermon by Rev.W.L.Beard, other parts by Rev.'s Lewis Hodous, Ling Eu Cu, G.H.Hubbard and in the laying on of hands pastors from the other missions participated."Rev. Mr. Ling has been with this church for about fifteen years and has built up a strong organization. He has now an evening class of over thirty young men, and the other activities of the church are vigerous. He was chairman of the business committee for the meetings recently held by Messrs Eddy and Robertson. So well known did he become from his activities in this business that he was often recognized in different parts of the city by men to him strangers who enquired about the time of the next meeting."

The largest Chinese Club in the city was engaged for the Eddy meetings. 2000 seats were arranged. These were filled twice on three successive afternoons by attantive listeners. Mr. Eddy thus delivered the same address to two different audiences on the same day. On the third day over I000 men singed cards expressing their willingness to study the Christian Religion. The work had been well organized to conserve the results of the meetings and now after two weeks have passed we see among the results (I) so many men asking to attend Bible classes that the number of available teachers is inadaquate, and the number is daily growing.(2)prejudice against the Bible and Christianity shattered.(3)

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FOOCHOW CHINA

TREASURER,
H. N. KINNEAR, M. D.
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,
REV. W. L. BEARD.

April 12th 1913

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.
14 Beacon St
Boston, Mass
U.S.A.

Dear Dr Barton:-

Enclosed I am forwarding to you a letter drafted by Rev. Chas. L Stoors and Dr H.N. Kinnear, Explaining a cablegram sent asking that the Board appoint for Foochow Doctors Headblaum and Saunt.

We are waiting to hear from the Presidential Election in Peking - You will likely hear before we do.

Very Sincerely Yours
W L Beard

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Apr. 12-1913

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Fauthfully yours,

Willard L. Beard

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Foochow

Resignation of Charles Scanlan

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April, 17th. 1913.

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REV. W. L. BEARD.

April 23 - 1913

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.
14 Beacon St. Boston, Mass
U.S.A.

Dear Dr Barton:-

April 17th I wrote you of the resignation of Miss Clara Hill Dornblaser to take place at the end of the present term.

Last evening another communication arrived from her saying that her parents - Rev. E. H. Dornblaser D.D. and Mrs Dornblaser, Cor. Clifton and Pearl, Sts. Springfield, Ohio, were starting in Aug. to attend her wedding. She was to have been married July 10th. The coming of her parents postponed the date until September. Naturally she is anxious to know from what source her living is to come between July 1 and the date when she will have a husband to support her. I have no doubt but that the mission will continue to support her, and the Board will make its own arrangements with the J. R. C. A.

This is not official - I write it to let you know the facts to date and that Miss Clara Dornblaser wants to be carried by the mission a little longer when the mission acts I shall write again.

Great days these to be alive in China - when the Cabinet in Peking requests the prayers of all Christians in behalf of the Government.

Faithfully Yours
W. L. Beard

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Corresponding Secretary.

P.S. Miss Clara Hornblaser has withdrawn her resignation. She will probably present it again in the Autumn or in August. No commission action was taken.

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P.S. Only Christians are entitled to burial in Christian ground. Heretofore we have had to go to Japan. Economize extra expense.

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Prudential Committee Minutes, Nov.19,1913:

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Higher Education Minutes, Feb.28,1913:

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May 7th 1913

Dear Dr Barton:-

This is just a private note to say that I have received your letter of March 24 - and that I have read it with much interest. I may never write much about the conditions as I found them in the College and Press - but I will write soon of my plans which I am sure will be of more interest to you. My nose is on the grind stone, and it's a different thing writing letters here from what it was in the New York Office - I wish you would lend Miss McManigel for an hour each day.

Very Sincerely Yours
W L Beard

May 7. 1913

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MEMORANDUM

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To Rev James L. Barton D.D., L.L.D.
14 Beacon St. Boston Mass. U.S.A.

From WILLARD L. BEARD
Kuliang
FOOCHOW CITY Aug 18th 1913.

Dear Dr. Barton! -

Herewith I am forwarding to you the Estimates of the Foochow mission for the year 1914 as passed at the Annual Meeting of the mission in July.

The report of the For. Missions Conference of N. America for 1913 has just arrived and is mighty interesting - all the more so because I was at Garden City in 1912. The Report of the Comm. of Reference & Counsel on that part of it relating to Holding Bodies for Chinese Properties is of practical value to us now. Very Sincerely Yours
W. L. Beard
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Dear Dr Barton:

In this cover I enclose a copy of the revised Constitution of the Foochow Christian University. You will note on p. 11. that the Constitution must be approved by three (3) Mission Boards before we proceed to appoint our Board of Managers.

The Constitution is now sent you for the approval of the Prudential Committee.

We are well along with the entrance requirements and have started on the curriculum. We are also discussing the Professors needed. The Meth mission mention three men two of whom they are willing to give up. We talk of Mr Beach as a possible Professor.

Mr & Mrs Newell arrived a week ago and we are all glad to have them back. The Chinese are also glad. He has the right spirit.

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I think i have not reported the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Cooper. They arrived safely the evening after Thanksgiving.

We are expecting Mr. Neff on the next steamer from Hong Kong.

I hope you will find that business agent before long. The Press is taking an undue amount of my time and strength. It is fun but it is not the work that I came out to do . There are Chinese presses that are doing the same work now and I am seriously thinking of selling out to one of them if I can .

All goes well in College and mission, but I cannot write of it now, This has been delayed too long already.

Very sincerely yours,

Willard L. Beard

P.S.

In case you cable re the Physician for the Medical School - simply say. Beard, Foochow, Medical. This will mean that you can send me for 1915.

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Foochow China
Jan. 5th 1914

Rev James L. Barton D.D. LL.D.
14 Beacon St, Boston,
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Dear Dr. Barton:-

Miss Mary T. Ledyard under date of Dec. 26th 1913. has asked the mission to grant her leave of absence to take effect not later than Jan. 30th, to go to California to obtain a pension under a law recently enacted in that state. She has written you explaining this. Great part of the mission in Foochow has consented by a written vote to join Miss Ledyard in requesting the Prudential Committee to grant this. In fact Miss Ledyard thinks she must go as this is her only means of obtaining the life annuity. She bears her own expenses. The length of her absence is indefinite.

I shall endeavor to persuade her to telegraph for this permission, in which case she will also bear the expense of the telegram

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Dear Dr. Barton;-

Yours of April 30 is here and at the meeting of the Comity Commitee last evening we discussed the locating, outfit and medical outfit of Dr. Cooper. I expect you will be prepared to hear that we did not locate him. This will depend on two factors, (1) the language school i.e. its condition when he arrives, (2) the need for a physician at Diong Loh when he arrives. Mr. Hubbard has resigned from the Diong Loh part of the field and in all probability one of the younger families will go down to Diong Loh early in the fall. At the same time we are unanimously of the opinion that the young missionaries should have the advantage of the school. So you see this question is quite in the air.

As to the outfit which Dr. and Mrs. Cooper will need, the committee felt that they would need the same whether they boarded or kept house, whether they lived in Foochow or in Diong Loh. I think you have om file a list of the articles we recommend young missionaries to bring with them, - iron beds, mattresses, pillows. bed linen. blankets cutlery, table linen. It is not necessary to bring these. Personally I wish every young missionary would board for at least six months after he reaches the field. This leaves him free from the care and annoyance

which are necessary associates of the first few months of house keeping.

As to the medical outfit the committee said that if Dr.Cooper is in Foochow of course he will need none. If he is in Diong Loh he can obtain everything in the line of medicine from Foochow, i.e. from our Hospital here and he can also obtain instruments as he may need them, WE agreed with Dr. Kinnear that it would better for him to wait until he has been here for a time and finds out what he wants before getting his medical outfit.

WE are glad to hear that Dr; Cooper is such an all-round man. I am glad too to hear that he comes with the purpose of getting a knowledge of the language that will make him a useful evangelist.

I want to record my appreciation of the work Mr. Topping is doing in the Foochow College.He is steady. quiet.firm, always there, a good mixer with the boys,thorough in his work and exerts a positive Christian influence.

Politics do not cut as much ice here as further north-where it is colder- but the Foochow people have ideas on the subject and it has been very interesting to me to see the complete change in the attitude toward Pres. Yuan Shi Kai and Dr. Sun Yat Sen since I arrived last November. The people thought Yuan would do for President if he would"change", Sun was the man. Now no one has a good word for Sun, Yuan is the only man.

I was deeply interested in your report of the influence the call to prayer by the Chinese Pres. and Cabinet had in America,this has also been the testimony in many letters recently received from other parts of the country.There is no longer any ban on Christianity in Foochow.All classes are even cordial. I realize it it every meeting

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REV. W. L. BEARD.

July 23, 1913.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.? L.L.D.
14 Beacon St. Boston,
Mass. , U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Barton;-

It gives me pleasure as corresponding secretary of the Foochow mission to forward to you the minutes of th e Annual Business Meeting of the mission held July 9-14, 1913, together with the tentative constitution of the Foochow Women's Bible School and the "Proposed Provisional Agreement" for a Union Medical College. These are in duplicate and under separate covers. I am also sending to you the Annual Mission Letter. All these missives are already mailed.

I have received yours of May 16 re fellowships for Theological students in America and of June 5 re Pres. Capen's visit to Foochow.

Relative to the training of Theological students I am convinced that the Foochow mission has made and is making great strides. Our Union with the two other missions in this is the greatest thing we have done for a long time. This gives our Theological students the benefit of the teaching of one foreigner and one Chinese of the best training and experience from each mission. This makes six experts,- to use an overworked term. The work done is of high grade and the standard is being raised.

In June a Summer school was held for two weeks for pastors and preachers from the field to come together for study and inspiration. Examinations were given in some of the courses.

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this year.

These are advance steps already made. Looking to the future,- (1) The minutes of the Annual Meeting will tell you that all students entering Foochow College will be given English beginning with 1914. I mention this here only in its bearing on the Theological work of the mission. Until the present time the standard for students preparing for the ministry has been students in the Chinese course in Foochow College. Every one of these men feels that he has been deprived of the best and given only the second best because he could not obtain money for the English course. He is rated by the students in the English course as a second grade man. This is also the rating given him by the missionary- by every one. In the changed conditions of the past two years this difference in the rating of the students of the two courses is much increased. It remains to be seen if men given the fullest advantages will choose the ministry. I am convinced we have taken the right step and good results will follow. To improve the unparalled opportunities offered the church today in Foochow men of the broadest education with English are essential. Such men are coming forward and they will come in increasing numbers in the future. (2) I am strongly seconding Mr. Hodous in his suggestion to send to Nanking or Peking one of our men from the Union Seminary for a year of post-graduate work, and I am also recommending that we send one of our College graduates to Shangtung for work in Mathematics with a view to his teaching that subject in the College instead of depending on men from the north for this work.

You will perceive the bearing of most of the above on your suggestions re scholarships in America. We are working toward that end and the indications are that we'll be calling for these fellowships sooner than many think.

This letter also mentions the Fukien University. This I will take up im another letter.

Be-low I am trying to comply with requests of the mission to write you regarding certain votes and I am also venturing some remarks on other important votes- without knowing whether this is customary or not.

The mission asks me to make arrangements for Dr. Capen's visit to Foochow. This will be a very great pleasure, and if it devolves on one of the Foochow missionaries to see him to Shanghai or farther this will also be counted a great pleasure.

I am asked also to express to the Prudential Committee the gratitude of the Foochow mission for the recruits who have arrived during the past six months. This means Dr. Gillette and Miss Weed now Mrs. Gillette, Miss Brown and Miss Strang.

Let me again refer to the decision of the mission to receive no more students in the Chinese course of Foochow College beginning with I9I4. This question was up in I898 in slightly different form and decided in the negative. To indicate the change in the attitude of the mission since then, the vote passed in camity committee this year with very little discussion. All the men of the mission seemed to agree it was the only thing to do. In mission meeting Miss Wiley alone opposed. One of the older missionaries said "This is the biggest thing we have done in ten years". In working out the details of the change we must not debar any Christian boy or son of Christian parents from entering on account of lack of means. The new order will not increase the teaching staff- rather diminish it, for now I am teaching four seniors in Church History in Chinese while Mr. Topping is teaching the other two seniors of the English course some subject in English. The same duplication is going on in the junior class. There are no Chinese course boys in the sophomore

class. The schoo-l will continue to be a vernacular rather than an Anglo-Chinese school. That is the Sciences and Mathamatics will continue to be taught in Chinese instead of English, which will be taught as a foreign launguage.

You will be interested to note that Dr. and Mrs. Gillette ~~and Mr.~~ and Mr. and Mrs. Beach are appionted to go to Diong Loh at the end of the summer vacation. We felt that the situation at Diong Loh was strategic. Nothing else in the mission equalled this in importance at this time, The two objectives are 1. I. The organizing of the Boy's School on the lines of the one at Ing Hok. 2. An advance movement among the churches of the field. Mr. Hubbard unconditionally resigned from the Diong Loh field proper last spring to take effect Sept. I. He is willing to keep the so-called "River stations" altho he would gladly be relieved of them. If Mr. and Mrs. Beach went down a Physcian must go. Dr. Gillette was the only one available. Both he and Mrs. Gillette wished to go. Dr. Kinnearr had no objections, and this seemed the best thing to do until other returned missionaries and new ones were on the ground to consult. Mr. Christian is asked to take charge of the Hospital while Dr. Kinnear is on furlough. We may ask Dr. Cooper to stay in Foochow.

Mr. Newell has written of a Mr. Miller- no initials or address- whose "papers have gone thro the Rooms" so you must know him. Mr. Newell suggests him as the man for our Union Normal School. We asked for an "expert" rather expecting that we were putting up to you a hard job. From Mr. Newell's letter Mr. Miller is not an expert so we do not ask for him guaranteeing him this position. But we do ask for him with the understanding that he will come first and that his work will be assigned after he arrives. The fact is that some of us feel that while it sounds big to talk about an "expert" for the Normal, it is more essential at first to have a man of broad mind, knowledge of men and ability to get

with men in order to put this Normal School on a permanent basis.-There is a report that money for a Union Normal building is found-. It may be that Mr. Newell or Mr. Neff will be able to do this work better than a new man.So if you can send Mr. Miller to Foochow we shall consider that the man asked for for the Union Normal has been found altho he himself may not be given this work.

Mr. W.H.Topping , tutor in Foochow College for a three years term completes this term in June 1914.The mission asks that you find another man to take his place.You already know the qualifications.Send Mr. Topping's duplicate if you can find him. He is well nigh my ideal. He is a good"mixer", a born teacher, an earnest, sensible Christian, works too hard if anything,is companionable and compatible, loves his work.

You will note that we ask Miss Perkins to take her furlough a year earlier than it would naturally come.The main reason for this is that Miss Garretson's furlough is due to begin early in 1915.Miss Perkins is the one best fitted to take the Ponasang Girl's School- the only one with knowledge of language and experience available.We deem it wise therefore for her to go home and return in time to take this work when Miss Garretson goes. Another consideration is this;-She has been the resident missionary in Diong Loh for the past two or more years. She is a very capable woman and to such naturally comes much work. Pastors , preachers, teachers come to her, she has a woman's school,a small girl's boarding school and an embryonic boy's boarding school, all in Chinese houses. She is alone overseeing the building of the residence at Diong Loh,also the church and she knows the size and price of every piece of land that adjoins our property there. This work is having its effect on her and it will be wise to give her a change at the end of this year.

You will note that the request for a business agent is renewed. We hope that you may find this man. When Dr. Kinnear goes home it is dif-

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MEMORANDUM

To Rev Geo L. Barton D.D., LL.D.
Boston Mass

From WILLARD L. BEARD

FOOCHOW CITY, Sept 5th 1913.

Dear Dr. Barton:

I am sending a duplicate of the 1914 estimates. and of a letter from the Hunnean. I am not sending the estimates to the Woman's Boards.

Cholera has been very bad in Foochow City and near villages and in out districts. College was to have opened Sept. 4th but is postponed until Sept 18th.

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Dear Dr. Barton,

Yours of Dec. 26th re the Mrs George M. Clark and Mr Clark's visit to China to here. Foochow however is not on her itinerary. If she should however come here we have much to interest her.

The visit of Dr Capen, Mrs. Capen, Miss Capen and Dr. Strong was greatly appreciated by Chinese and foreigners. Dr. Capen was the happiest man of all the many groups of which he formed the center. The leading Chinese of the mission in Foochow met especially on Saturday afternoon to welcome him and Dr Strong. On Monday Jan. 19th they went to Hing Loh by special launch to help dedicate the new church there and to see the station. On Sunday evening we met quietly as a mission and Dr Capen spoke as one inspired of the hopeful sign of the growing interest in Christ's world wide kingdom at home.

Wednesday evening Jan 21st we bid them all good bye as they embarked for Shanghai. Miss Wiley was asked by the mission to accompany them to Shanghai.

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I am enclosing words written by Miss Wiley at our request thinking that you would like her version of the last days of this man whose life has meant so much to the American Board and so much personally to the Secretaries and others who were so intimately associated with him.

The Board has ~~lost~~ lost a man whom it cannot replace, and all good causes will deeply feel the loss of this large hearted, humble, wise man.

Personally Dr. Cohen was to me an ideal friend. I am thankful that I knew him and was privileged to be so much with him while in the States.

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FOOCHOW, CHINA April 8th. 1914.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D., LL. D.
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Barton;-

Yours of Feb. 25 came by the last mail, The Foochow Mission is very gladthat the Prudential Committee has acted favorably on their request that Dr. Wolfe be asked to help in the hospital for one year. The time for which he should be invited was not the important factor.We also thank the Prudential Committee for granting the extra appropriation. I know how difficult this was at this critical time in the Board's finances. I have little doubt that we shall ask for an extension of the time to last until Dr. Kinnear's return. And I have no doubt that this will be granted -- if the hospital will meet his salary.

I am sending you a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Management of the Union Medical College held Saturday, April 4th , 1914.

"I."That we refer to the Faculty for reconsideration the list of buildings required, and the estimates for same; and that we ask them to make an estimate for equipment for our further consideration.

2. That we ask for the opinion of the Faculty as to whether it is advisable: (1) to plan for the further development of the College in connection with the present site and buildings, (2) to ask the American Board Mission whether they would be willing to have the College in connection with their Hospital as an integral part or (3) to start our own hospital apart from any existing plant.

3. That we ask the Faculty to meet with the Board at its next meeting , on Saturday, May 23, 2:30 p.m. at the residence of Rev. W.L. Beard.

4. That we ask the Faculty to prepare , in the meantime , for presentation at that meeting ,a copy of prospectus and appeal for funds for the College , with their suggestions as to the form in which this should be issued."

(2) under the second item is the one in which you will be specially interested. We agreed that at present we could see before us only these three openings.The College is now using two buildings owned by the C.M.S. If the Board of Management decides to locate there perma-

nently, these will be given to the College. The C.M.S. cannot give these buildings or their equivalent if the College goes elsewhere. There is nothing to intimate that there is any coercion in this. The sentiment of the Board of Managers and of the Faculty , as far as I can now see is in favor of asking our mission to allow the College to come here and use our fine hospital plant. It is early to advance arguments but I want to call attention to a fact that is becoming daily more patent. It will be a very difficult proposition for us or for any one mission to adequately man this plant. With the new buildings planned (for which land is already purchased and for which much of the money is already in hand) it will not be possible to man it. Realizing this we have already authorized Dr. Kinnear to approach two workers in other missions whom he thougth might cooperate with us . They did not accept his offer. And now I am asked if we have authorized him to approach the Zenana mission in London to see if they would cooperate with us. This came from London thru one of the C.M.S. missionaries. As a layman it seems to me this is the very best possible use to which we could put this excellent plant. As I said I may be premature in making these suggestions.

The buildings which we think we need are;-

I	foreign residence for the Doctor in charge	$6500.	silver.
I	Chinese " " two Chinese Doctors	2000.	"
I	building for dormitory, class rooms, ect.	10000.	"
I	" " Laboratories, museums etc.	4000.	"
I	Isolation ward and ground for recreation	1500.	"
I	Laboratory	6000.	"
	$15,000.00 gold or	$30000.	"

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We have not yet heard whether weare to expect Ray Gardner for the fall term, Mr. Billing , (M.E.M.) in charge of the Union Normal has been ordered home at once. Mr. Newell must now take charge of the school. We badly need some one to take Mr. Topping's place next fall. At one time Mr. Ralph Gold seemed to look somewhat favorably to joining the mission and we sent home a vote asking you to approach him with this in view. Later talks with him indicate that he may not consider the

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I4 Beacon Street, Boston,

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Dear Dr. Barton;-

At a comity meeting of the men of the mission last evening I was requested to write asking you about the money collected some two years ago for the Diong Loh Hospital. There should be money in hand to purchase land at Dion Loh.From a rough sketch I am enclosing you will see what is in our minds.Dr. and Mrs. Gillette are living in a Chinese house. The land on which this stands is all right for their residence to be built on when the time comes.The plot directly i n front of this Chinese house is the best place in the city for the Hospital. This plot is for sale.The price is not exorbitant, $2000 mex. But there is no money on hand to purchase with. If $Iooo of the money that we understood was raised for this purpose could be sent out it would enable us to secure this land. The present Dispensary is in a very small native houseabout 35 ft. square. There is on this plot in front of the Gillette residence a good sized Chinese house that could with some repairs be used for a year or two to meet the need for a Hospital until Dr. Gilldtte is ready to build.

There is a fund of about $4000 gold that belongs to the Theological Seminary. The land purchased with this money has been transferred to the City Hospital. This money we plan to give to the Union Theological Seminary. If it is not now possible to send the $I000 gold to purchase the land above mentioned, would the Prudential Committee sanction the use of $I000 of the Seminary money to purchase this plot of land? This question I was also requested to ask. It is understood that this money

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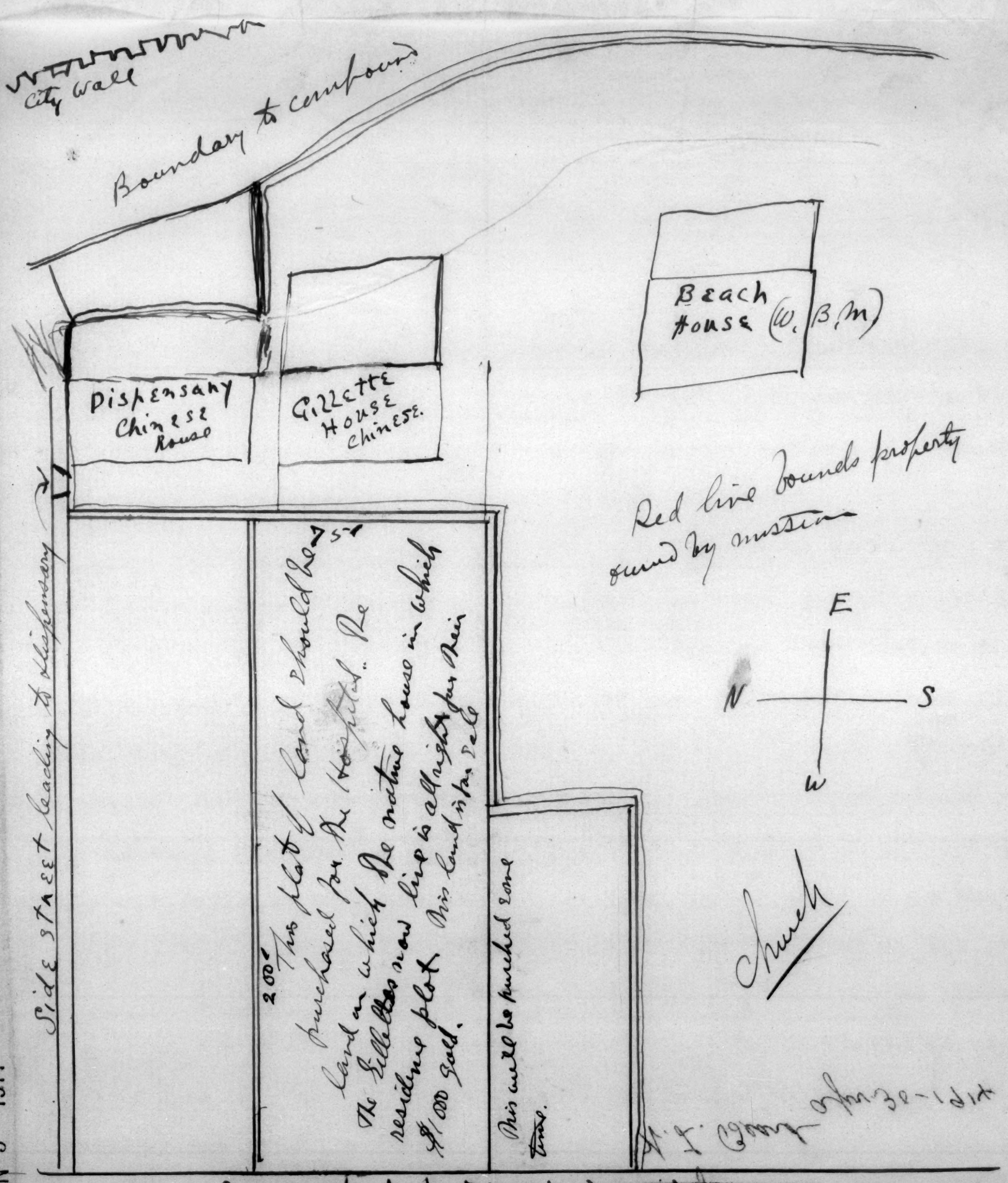

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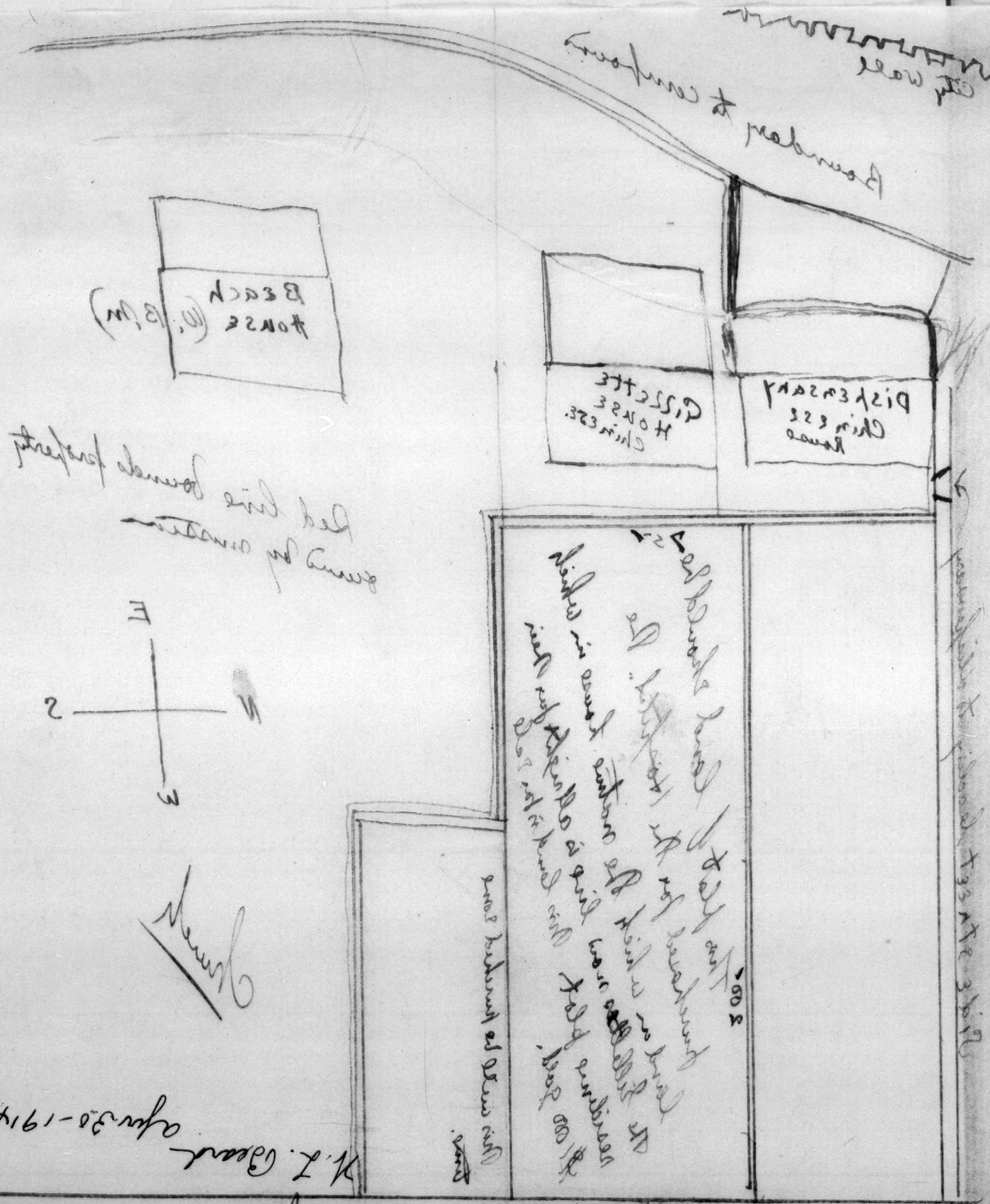

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Dear Dr. Barton;-

Yours of March 17th. came by the last mail. "Education and Evangelism" is intensely interesting to me. The problem has been in my mind since when in the New York office I realized as I talked with candidates for the foreign field that nearly every one wanted educational work. As far as I remember Mr. Neff was the only exception.

On the field I have always held that a man should have both educational and evangelistic work, and I have been fortunate in always having both forms, even when I was in the Y.M.C.A. work. In my present situation a day seldom passes that I am not in direct work with some church or group of churches.

And I realize the immense advantage this touch with the churches is to me in the college work. My highest ideal for the boys of the college is that some of them shall become pastors of Chinese churches, and my one means of keeping that ideal true and clear in my own mind is to keep in close touch with the churches so that I shall know them. A personal knowledge of the work is also an essentail for any trainer of workers. His personal axample is also a powerful factor in influencing students for the ministry.

Another advantage that I find in my present situation is that during the past nine months I have been able to accept invitations to lead Bible Classes or do similar work in five different bodies of students or Christian workers. And next month comes a course of nine hours with the Summer School of Theology. These are given by the President of Foochow College. Mr, Newell is doing the same kind of work as Professor

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I heartily agree with your article and the reason is to be found in the above paragraphs. I have purpossly made it personal and concrete.

Now I want to make three further suggestions on the benefit to a man engaged in educational, work, if he also keeps actively in touch with evangelistic work.

I. One of the greatest tamptations to missionaries who have only the care of churches, is that they shall cease all study and all growth.In educational work a definite course is laid out for him and he brushes up against bright young minds , and he is under the necessity of growing intellectually. This keeps his mind alive and it shows in his work among the churches. I realize now even more than I did at the time, that my connection with the Theological School of the mission during my first term and my teaching in the Y.M.C.A. classes and Am. Board Theological School while I was in the Association work here were of great value to me in keeping me intellectually fresh. I have been fortunate in always having to teach subjects new to me which needed daily preperation.

2.One of the causes that have lead some evangelistic missionaries to fear lest they loose their position of leadership in the Chinese church is the fact that they have had too much time to give to this business and busied themselves with details that should have left entirely to the Chinese church. It helps a man immmnsely to have so much to do that he has no timeto worry over the authority he possesses or is likely to lose. I think of Dr. Walker in Shaowu when he had all the evangelistic work of that big station, and at the same time teaching enough for one man's full time.I never heard him indicate any anxiety over his authority. Heis an eminently successful evangelistic missionary. In his case the making of hymns has also helped him to leave details to the Chinese.

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We have our eyes also on the restricted powers of the President.

I have written the above before attanding a meeting of the Committee, from what I could gain from conversation.

Yours of May 14 is also informal or rather unofficial. It deals with the Union University and mentions Miss Ledyard's enthusiastic letter regarding the same. She told me the other day she wanted to talk

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August 27th.

Much has transpired since this letter was begun but I am sending it as I wrote it.

A meeting of the University Committee was held on Kuliang Aug.8 The Constitution was carefully revised in an all-day session. This is now in the press and will be sent to you as soon as ready. The questions which you raised are I think satisfactorially dealt with in this revised pamphlet. You will note the change in the functions of the Board of Management and the increased power vested in the Senate and the President, also suggested change in the name to Foochow Christian University. When I send the Constitution I shall undoubtedly be asked by the mission to write the Prudential Committee for the men and money to enable us to take our full share at the start.

A sub-committee on entrance requirements and curriculum and on the men available on the ground is at work. Another committee is appointed on site.

Yours of March 24th, had to do entirely with the College. I wrote you that I would reply later.

I note that the College receives from the Higher Educational Fund $1500. I have written Mr. Wiggin asking him to send this in two installments- half on Sept. 1st and half on March 1st unless he already has stated times for sending. I note that Tutors appointed and sent at the request of the College will go at the expense of the College and all charges sent to me. In asking the Mission Treasurer for the money for Mr. Topping's salary, I was told that this was paid direct to Mr. Topping by the Mission Treasurer, and the balance of the appropriation could be used by the College. If I am to be held responsible for the College funds it would

seem the businesslike way for this $1500 to pass through the college treasury. This however is not a vital point with me. I do however wish the auditors of the College Treasurer's books to be able to trace the source of every cent of the income and to show a voucher for all the expenditure. This should include the appropriation from the Board as well as the income on the field.

I am sending everything interesting concerning the College to the following addresses.-

Judge G.L.Andrews,	Owego , N.Y.
Mr. John E.Calhoun,	Cornwall Ct.
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Lincoln "	2500.	4000.	6500.
Smith "	2000.	2800.	4800.
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Library	500.	I200.	I700.
"WOman's Hospital" (Labratory)	2000.	I000.	3000.
Chinese House- Sub. Prep'y	I000.	300.	I300.
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Ping Sing's House	300.	50.	350.
Sieu House	9950.	50.	I000.
Press Building	I000.	350.	I350.
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Gate and Bath House		200.	200.
	$I4300.	$I3650.	$27950.

So much for the material part. It is not possible to speak so precisely of the intellectual and spiritual.

Curriculum, schedule and rules have not been changed. The faculty however are agreed that we should gradually bring the Chinese curriculum into conformity as near as possible to that of the government schools of tha same grade. The faculty reccommended to the Board of Management and they to the mission that English should be given to every student beginning with I9I4. Students, teachers and preachers are unamimous and hearty in approving this step. Another radical change was in asking the Chinese teachers to meet with the foreign teachers in faculty meeting and on equal terms, and in making the language of the meetings which have held regularly on Monday afternoons, Chinese. On the whole I am satisfied with the results. This is as big a revolution for the College as was the revolution of two years ago for the nation. And in both cases the President is sure to be criticised. Another radical change is being made. The Comity Committee has voted to reccommend to the missiom that the Board of Management for the College, and boarding schools in the out stations be composed of two foreigners and two Chinese elected by the missiom,; the heads of the schools; one alumnus of the college elected by the alumni; one Chinese elected by the Congregational Council of Foochow. Members of the faculties are not eligible.

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I trust from the above you will be able to see the conditions as I see them in the College , and get an idea of what I am trying to do.

Very sincerely yours,

Willard L. Beard

P.S. I have just had word that our fourth child Dorothy had an operation for Appendicitis in New London Conn. July 19th

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Cholera is bad in Foochow just now. We were to open Sept 4th & go down from Kuliang tomorrow to see if we should delay opening

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Mr. Ray Gardner arrived safely and is happily at work. Mr. R.G.Urch came over from Japan and is teaching just for this term. He bids fair to be a valuable man. I am much pleased with the way in which Ray Gardner has developed since he left Foochow some five or more years ago.

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I am glad to hear thatthe diplomas will be here in good time.

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FOOCHOW, CHINA Oct. 26th. 1914.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,LL.D.
14. Beacon St.
Boston, Mass.
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I am enclosing to you the report of the Fukien Branch of the China Medical Missionary Association to the Rockefeller Commission. This has such a direct bearing on the Union Medical College that it will be of interest to you.

I have never replied to yours of June 19th. re the "difficulty to understand" which you experienced when I wrote asking you to reiterate your approval of the Provisional Agreement. There was nothing to reply. It is not strange that you at times find it difficult to follow us in these movements. True there was no radical difference between the agreement I sent you and the one you had approved. But the British portion of our Committee thought there was. And we had to accede to their request. This was however unnecessary for the 500 pounds came and is now in the Bank. I hope to draw on it soon to pay for a house we are planning to purchase adjoining the present property.

I have privately purchased a piece of land in what is called the Tarter Quarter, It is about 400 ft. by300 ft. I am paying $39 mex. down for my right and $7 a year taxes or rent. This is in the location we have our eyes on for the Union University. If it is not wanted for that it is near enough for a GOOD recreation ground for Foochow College. From some reports that come to me people at home are thinking that the University is held up. I am not so sure. We are having a meeting this week of the Committee ~~this week~~ with the idea of making a start in the near future with what we how have. I am teaching seven boys Ethics in Foochow College. Mr. Jones is teaching ten in the same subject in the Anglo Chinese College

Either one of us could do just as good work with the whole seventeen, and leave the other free to teach something else. This is only an instance of what union would mean in the way of economy.

Oct.28th. The Evangelistic Campaign for Fukien Province is on. 8000 men listened to Prof. Robertson of the Lecture Department of the Y.M.C.A. on Monday Oct. 26th. The same lecture was given four times to 2000 different men each time. Yesterday nearly 4000 heard Sherwood Eddy. This afternoon he speaks again and will have the same men. He will ask for decisions this afternoon.

I think I have not reported the birth of Edward Allen Gillette on Oct, I4th. at Diong Loh.He is reported to be the finest boy of his age in the city, and Mrs. Gillette is doing finely.

Eighty eight students decided for the Christian life at the College church last Sunday at a meeting addressed by Sherwood Eddy. Thirty boys who have been in the Volunteer Band for about four years had a conference with Rev. Ding Li Mei last night the purpose of which was to strengthen their purpose to go into direct Christian work.In China there are over 80 Volunteers now in Theological Schools, and I4 who have graduated and are in the ministry. The time is not far distant when we will have men from this College --with an English education entering the Seminary.

The Union Medical College has asked if Dr. Cooper can help in the teaching there next year. He looks with favor on the proposition. I am ashamed that we are doing so little for the work of this College.Fifty lectures a year is the extent of our help thus far.The Methodists are giving one Doctor's time. The C.M.S. is givingthe time of two Doctors and part time of a third.You have our request for a man to give full time to teaching there . He could begin at once for the work is in English. It is probable that the Ad Interim Comm. will favor Dr, Cooper's doing some teaching in the Medical College. In a letter from my home in Shelton(my fathers home) Conn. reference is made to Dr. Mark Ward, in a way that leads me to ask if his appointment has been settled and if he would be available for

this position.

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P.S. We have released Miss Brown to the Y.W.C.A two days in a week for Bible Class work among the upper class girls in the city. This should give us our first point of contact with this class of girls and women

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Interesting letter

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FOOCHOW, CHINA Nov. 23rd. 1914.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.?LL.D.
14 Beacon St., Boston,
Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Yours of Sept. 24th. is here and every one is pleased to know that the form of the minutes of the Annual Meeting held in July last meets with approval at Boston. We find thus far that the Ad Interim Comm. is of great convenience. As you suggest it is not easy to get seven together always, but I think we will have to try this for a year in order to get the confidence of the mission.

I am very glad to know that you had the conversation with Dr. Kinnear about the Hospital. I think that I have already written that there is danger that the Hospital should become a one man affair.

Your query on vote 89 brought a call for me before breakfast the morning after your letter arrived. There has been some contention on the subject of the name to be used on deeds of purchase for the W.B.M.I. I acted as agent in purchasing a property for the W.B.M.I. for a Woman's School last July. Miss Hartwell insisted that the W.B.M.I. was incorporated and could hold property. I simply said that if I had anything to do with buying the property it would be bought in the name of the American Board. They insisted on adding a sentence at the end of the deed which means " This property is held intrust for the W.B.M.I." The deeds are stamped and in the mission s safe. This added sentence does not affect the legality of the deed. The property is held in the name of the American Board. If there is any objectin to the sentence the order to stop its use will have to come from the Rooms in Boston.

I note what you write regarding the location of the Woman's Hospital and the woman Physician and the nurse. This matter will probably rest unti l Dr. Kinnear's return. Many of us are wishing it were possible for

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him to return in the Spring of 1915. The mission has taken no action on the matter and I do not know that it will. But the fact is that Dr, Cooper prefers working in the Hospital to the study of the language. The work is there pulling him all the time. The study is there but it does not pull. Dr. Wolfe has been ill for some time and Dr. Cooper has left study and has stuck to the Hospital. To day he has been out in the city to two cases. The result is no study. I should add that Dr. Wolfe is back and at work. Another and even more pressing reason for our need of another man next year is that we are pledged to give the Union Medical College 270 hours of teaching in 1915. Some of this I can furnish from the College, Chemistry and Biology, but Dr. Cooper is the only Physician available. The Medical College is doing a big and a good work with a pitiably small force , and I am ashamed to represent the mission while we are giving only 50 hours of teaching a year. Of course if you can find a young man to begin teaching at once in February that will be all right. I hesitate to even mention this in the crisis that is on the Board due to the war. But I should not be true to my trust if I did not let that fact be known.

Last Friday each member of the mission received a letter from Mr. Peet. I shall take it for granted that you received the same letter. It was under date of October 13th. On Saturday afternoon the Ad Interim Comm. met and voted to telegraph you asking for the return of Mr. and Mrs. Peet to the mission as soon as possible. I sent the cable this morning. "Eibote Peet Deflexos Peet" Have received Peet's letter Mission urges Peet to return as soon as posible."

In this letter Mr. Peet says he is doing his utmost to get the alumni of the College "to see tha change of administration in its proper light." "We have resigned the presidency of the College and will never again accept the position." "WE offer to take upwork in Diong Loh or

in any other station where it may seem best. In view of these expressions it seemed the right thing for us to telegraph for their return at once. I believe that you, the sub-committe on China and the Prudential Committee will concur with us in this action.

One week ago last Sunday I had the great pleasure of baptising and receiving to the chuhch here twenty eight. Of these, twenty six were students of the College, the others were, one a man over sevanty years of agewho has been over twenty years making up his mind to take this step, the other a student from the government Normal School who was brought into a Bible class over a year ago during Sherwood Eddy's meetings here and has now taken his stand. One of the College boys was a senior. This makes the whole class, seven, church members.

To date a little over 7000 names of men who desire to join Bible classes have come in from all parts of the province as a result of the province-wide Evangelistic Campaign. Three centers are to be heard from yet this will bring the number up to 8000 at least. Last week over 500 men were in Bible classes in Foochow. These of course are new men who have never been in touch wit h the church. Several of these are members of the Chamber of Commerce, some are Presidents of government Colleges. Classes are meeting in many different places, in their own Colleges, in Foochow College, in churches, in public reading rooms, in a Chinese Club, in tea houses. Many of these are already attending ahurch. Foochow and Fukien province are shaken by the Gospel. There are comparatively few individuals that have not heard of Christ during the past month in this whole privince. It is most interesting to hear the reports of those who are looking up the persons who signed the cards. They go into a shop to find a man. Of course every one in the shop knows all about the business and the Gospel is again presented to another group and the whole shop has seen and heard represantatives of Christ, The Kingdom grows. The Salt Commissioner has definitely decided

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P.S. I enclose Ad Interim Comm minutes of dates Sept 24, Oct 22, Nov. 9. & Nov. 21. - 1914 These will be printed and put into proper form as were the minutes of Annual Meeting

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FOOCHOW, CHINA.....Nov....24th.....1914

Rev. Enoch F. Bell
14 Beacon St. Boston, Mass.
U. S. A.

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Dear Dr. Barton:-

Yours of Dec. 19, 1914 came over a week ago. With regard to the matter in the first part of the letter, I have heard very little from the missionaries of Foochow on their opinions of the Japanese. Possibly we hear so much from the Chinese on their opinions of their near neighbors that we do not need to say anything. You know of the rumors that are just now floating about regarding the demands said to have made by Japan on China. Thus far they have not disturbed us. It is well that we at this time should have had your warning. I hope the hostile feeling to which you allude is manily to be found among the irresponsibles in Japan. The Chinese of all classes in Foochow do not hesitate to call the Japanese the lowest of poeple. And they impute to them the worst of designs on Fukien. This I write in confidence and I should not have written it had your letter not come.

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Foochow China
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Dear Dr Barton:-

Herewith I am enclosing a copy of the minutes of Board of Management of Foochow College up to date.

Very Sincerely yours
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P.S. We have just had very helpful visits from Dr Chamberlain of the Reformed Church Board and Dr Sailer of Columbia N.Y. - those of us who are working for Union in Educational work are greatly encouraged by their visits. and their attitude toward the work we are doing and planning.

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FOOCHOW, CHINA April 26th 1916

Mr. Wm E. Strong D.D.
14 Beacon St
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Dear Mr. Strong:-

At the last meeting of the Ad Interim Committee it was voted to ask Mr Harold B. Belcher to act as Corresponding Secretary from my departure until Annual Meeting in July. I am planning to leave Foochow tomorrow morning hoping to catch the Shidzuoka Maru from Shanghai May 1 - next Monday.

I am enclosing the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Management of Foochow College. You will note their faith in the American pocket book. At this meeting they ask me to find (1) $10,000. for enlargement of the College - specially for an athletic field. (2) $5000. to complete the Higher Primary Building. Only a short time ago Mr Lin Lih Hsiao wrote under the instruction of this Board asking for $15,000. for a Science Building. This however amounts in all to only $30,000.

Mr Belcher doubtless has acknowledged your last letter to me re Mr Fred Henaldson's appointment. Miss Strong is having a hard time to remain in Foochow. Her passage was engaged and $100. paid on it and she was here waiting to start for Shanghai when the letter arrived.

I do not know what reports you receive about Foochow conditions. There have been no troubles. Rumors have caused hundreds to leave the city. One morning chairs cost $3.00 to go from the city to South Side. Normal prices are 20¢. The Civil Governor left Foochow last Wednesday, April 19.

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Dear Mr. Strong:

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee it was voted to send the minutes of Yoochow to act as representing your delegation with annual meeting in Hongkong. Knowing that it leaves for here tomorrow morning, I am sending the minutes to you from Shanghai by 1 = next Monday. Get the Stationery from Shanghai.

I am enclosing the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Management of Yoochow College. You will see that we are trying hard to get this meeting by Jan. fourth in the Chinese Lunar Calendar. At this meeting we voted to ask the Board to appropriate $10,000. for enlargement of the College. Mainly for an athletic field ($1,500.) to complete the Higher Chinese Building. Only a short time ago the Board voted $1,000. for a Science Building. Inasmuch as this Board is asking for a Science Building this Board cannot in all ask only $2,000.

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I do not know what report you receive about the new constitution. There have been no results. Numbers have found hundreds to leave the country. The morning class cost $150 to go from the city to South Gate. Annual Dues are 2.0. The Chinese left Yoochow last Wednesday, Friday.

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The report was that he wished to declare independence. The Military General refused. The General had the soldiers and the Governor left.

It is very interesting to see the influence of the church at such a time and specially of Foochow College. The College is the only large foreign institution inside the city. Several times daily merchants, and literary men and chief rulers came to inquire if we were going to close. Rumor had us closed several times. and on Saturday April 22nd the Military General sent his head secretary to ask if we were going to close. This secretary is a graduate of the University of Vermont. He said to me in English "General Li sent me to ask if you were going to close Foochow College. He has been told that you were. But he said since you were such a good friend of his he could hardly believe you would do such a thing. It would be very bad for Foochow if this College closed now." I was glad to be able to tell him that no one connected with the College had even suggested or talked of closing and unless either General Li or Consul Fontin requested us to close, the College would hold until June 29th.

Hoping to see you in a few weeks

I am
Very Sincerely Yours
Willard L. Beard

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Busch Hotel. Seattle. Wash
Aug. 8th 1916

Dear Dr Strong:-

It was very pleasing indeed to receive your two kind letters - one of July 27 and one of Aug 1 when we arrived at Seattle last evening at 8 o'clock

The journey across the continent has been a pleasant one. Every train was on time, we have been well, our schedule has been followed as we planned and by stopping at Geneva Ill. from July 29 to Aug 2nd we escaped travelling during the excessive heat.

It was after noon when we got to Dr Hitchcock's office Sat July 29 so we did not see him.

In Spokane last Sunday I had a good time with Dr Harper of the Westminster Cong'l church in the a.m. Spoke at an afternoon gathering in the amusement Park with the merry-go-round, Shoot-the-Chute and other attractions in full blast and without sight and hearing. But my audience heard me then. Then in the evening again in the open air to a union audience of six churches also in the open air. I ought to have cut out the afternoon talk. It took too much out of me and was not directly in line with my work.

The "Sado Maru" is held up by the strike among the Longshoremen here and we are sailing on the "Awa Maru" the sister ship to the Sado Maru tomorrow at 10 a.m. - so there is time to write a letter and do a little almost necessary business.

Grand Hotel, Seattle, U.S.A.
Aug. 8th 1916

Dear Mr. Stoop:-

It was very pleasant indeed to receive your two letters - one of July 29 and one of Aug 1, while we were at Seattle last Monday at 8 o'clock.

Mr Young says he certainly has been pleased on every trip we on Tacoma, we have been well, our health has been perfected so we planned and by Friday at Sunset, July 29th Aug 2nd we started travelling along the Pacific Coast

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In Olympia last Sunday I had a good long walk the temple of the Washington Long Cabin in the open that is an optimum gathering in the Government park with the Deep Sound, Puget Sound and the Black and white in full flow and motion again and leaving, Puget on board on the Mon. Pm in the evening again on the open in a union conference of 300 children in the open air, I caught the two out of the opening talk. It was the Grand only pals and we not directly in love with any work.

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The young woman's name of whom I spoke to you is Miss Edith F. Seaver. She is now at 17 Chestnut Hill Ave. White Plains, N.Y. After Sept. 1st her address will be Wintonia Hotel, Seattle, Wash.

My intention now is to talk the matter over with the mission and the Bd of Directors of the College as soon as I get back to Foochow. The appointment of Prof Scott and of Mr Macaldson and the request of six of the educational institutions to the International Comm. of the Y.M.C.A. for a Physical Director and the furnishing of his salary from these institutions make new factors. So I must go slowly on this Miss Seaver proposition. You are right in not doing any thing about it now.

Thank you for your very kind words regarding our talks in Boston and for all your good wishes for the future. You will keep up with any one in their praise of the American Board. and the work she is doing — daily for long years I have asked the Father to guide and use her officers, Secretaries, Committees, missionaries and constituencies, both at home and abroad.

Very cordially Yours

W. L. Beard

Seattle

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REPORT OF THE FOOCHOW EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE
For the First Half of the Year 1916.

The Foochow Evangelistic Committee recommenced their work early in March 1916. The work was carried on along three main lines, namely, Bible Study, Social Service and Evangelistic.

Bible Study.

Considerable difficulty was experienced during the Spring in restarting Bible Study classes, but in the end there were twenty-four classes meeting weekly with the largest single attendance in any one week of two hundred and four. The class of Bible Study leaders and pastors has continued to meet weekly on Wednesdays, the time being divided as follows: First, Prayer meeting at 10. 30 a. m.; Second, Devotional Bible Study from eleven to twelve o'clock led by some prominent teacher, then tiffin; Third, a discussion of methods of Evangelism and of the reports of the previous week, lasting until 1. 30 p. m., the chairman at this meeting being one of the secretaries.

Besides this, church member Bible Study classes were organized. Seventeen classes have actually started.

A new committee was added, which has sent out preachers to different churches twice a month, each time three speakers going out together. The places where the meetings have been held are the following, Deng Ga Dong, Sing Guong Dong, and Cik Hieng Dong. The opportunity was quite good each time.

Social Service.

Lately one class was started in the Six Hundred Character Book in the city. The enrollment was about twenty. Assistance was also given to the Health and Sanitation department in carrying through their programme. Eight churches were chosen as centres, Coi Hieng Dong, Tai Bing Dong, Da Ding Dong, Cing Li Dong, Geu Ling Dong, Siu Liang Dong, Hui Nguong Dong and Mi Ai Dong. Four hundred posters were used and four thousand notices were distributed. At the time of each lecture the speaker was assisted by pictures which made the audience feel more interested in the subject.

No Social meetings have been held this term yet we are glad to say that it has been found possible to restart most of Bible Study classes.

Evangelistic.

This term the special Evangelistic meetings were held in two churches, namely, Gi-Gok Dong, April 10th. to 14th; Deng Ga Dong, May 16th. to 20th. The responsibility was placed, both for the conducting of the meetings and the follow-up work, upon the church officials and church members themselves. The speakers were selected locally. Each time before the formal meeting began there was a meeting specially for the members of the local Church and for the ushers. Lectures were divided into Scientific and Evangelistic. In Gi-Dok Dong the average daily attendance was a little over two hundred, among them some ten have been willing to keep in touch with the church. In regard to Deng Ga Dong the work was hindered by the rain, so the average daily attendance was only a little over one hundred but those who have been willing to be visited and to keep in touch with the church are about fifty. The preparation and programme in these two churches were as last year. In each centre it is hoped that the men who are willing to be visited and to keep in touch with the church will be enrolled in Bible classes to begin their study of the principle of Christianity. The results depend upon the following up. The pastors and preachers have given of their best in work and prayer. We hope those who read this report will pray for the work and are sure that, so, the results in the future will be very great.

Executive Secretaries
- Ding Bek Maiu
- Kiu Diong Iu
- W. L. Beard
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14 Beacon St.,
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Dear Dr.Strong:-

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October 17th.

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Truly yours
W L Beard

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President's Office

FOOCHOW, CHINA Nov. 3rd. 1916

Rev. William E.Strong , D.D.
14 Beacon St., Boston,
Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Strong:-

At the last Ad Interim Committee meeting the two following votes were passed and I was asked to forward them to you with a letter.

"Voted that we ask the American Board to send for the year 1917 Miss Seaver to teach in Foochow College, and to assume her salary support only, Mr. Beard to write the letter."

"Voted that we nominate as members of the Board of Managers of Foochow College Mr. Cio Lik Daik and Mr. Ling Ing Chu."

Mr.Cio has served on the Board for three years withgreat efficiency. He is an alumnus of the college, the General Secretary (Chinese) of the Foochow Y.M.C.A., member of the Fukien Parliament from his district,a level-headed, consciencious, earnest Christian man, member of C.M.S. Mr. Ling is also an alumnus, has taught for ten or more years in both the Girl's College at Ponasang and in the Higher Primary in connection with Foochow College in which place he was also Monitor. He is now for two years in the employ of the Foochow Electric Co. It is our aim to gradually ask such men as these who are not in mission employ to accept positions on the different Board's of Management of the various institutions. We get in this way new light on many problems, Both of these men are in contact with the men of the largest business interests in Foochow. At the same time they are both earnest Christian men and on important church committees. Mr. Ling is a member of the Congregational church. He has not yet served on the B'd of Man'g't. If possible I should like to know of their appointment soon after Feb. Ist.1917.

I spoke to you of Miss Seaver's coming to Foochow to teach, when I was in Boston last July. She is a graduate of Mount Holyoke, has had twelve years experience in High School teaching, is now teaching in the Franklin High School of Seattle, Wash., teaching beginners in French and Spanish, using the same methods that we want used here in teaching beginners in English (the direct method). She is a member of the Presbyterian church in Seattle. She has been

a friend of my fathers family in Shelton , Conn, for ten yeras or more. Having known her so long and favorably I feel personally that she is well fitted for teaching in the college. I spent two days in Seattle in May on my way home and I saw much of Miss Seaver and of her work. She would like to come to Foochow for one year. She is willing to pay her own travelling expenses, and asks only the salary of a missionary, $525.00 gold. I hoped it might be possible for the College or the mission to provide this and ask her to come withoutasking the Prudential Committee for help. But this is impossible. Within a little more than two years the mission has taken from the College two missionaries' full time. Mr. christian was transferred to the Hospital. This was our only course at the time that Dr. Kinnear went on furlough, if we kept the Hospital open. A year ago Mr. neff who was giving half time was needed in the Union College if that institution was to open. Mrs Christian who was giving half time went on furlough in July of this year.As a member of the mission I have agreed to and voted for each of these transfers, because while they were not the best thing for Foochow College they were the best thing for the mission and for the work of the Kingdom in Foochow. They were also each in line with the policy of the mission in the line of Union work and of placing our own institutions under Boards of Management instead of having only one man at the head. (this was in our mind as we appointed Mr. Christian to the Superintendency of the Hospital). Now on top of all this Miss Wiley has been called home just as she had begun this term's work, by the illness of her mother.

The college has had to supply the places of these missionaries by employing Chinese to take their places. One of these men who holds an M.A. from Oberlin we have to give $1200 mex per year. He is worth it. But it pulls on the finances of the College. If the Prudential Committee can see its way to give us this help for next yearwe think we see our way clear for the future. You will realize that the new missionaries just out are not available for work for the first year. But in 1918 with Miss Wileyback and Mr. Topping here we hope to be all right. The college has registered this year 410 students as against 175 at

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FOOCHOW, CHINA Dec 8 1916

Dear Mr Strong! —

You may find the enclosed account of the Seventieth Anniversary of the beginning of Christian work in Fukien of use. Do with it as you think most profitable. — Even to putting it in the waste paper basket. I am also sending two photographs taken during the meetings — one is of one of the general sessions to which military General Li with other officials were invited and also U.S. Consul Pontius. General Li is the large Chinese gentleman in middle of those sitting on the platform. At his left as you face the picture is Rev. D.L. Lloyd of the C.M.S. mission Foochow. He has given 40 years of service here and is just going home to England for good. At General Li's right Consul Pontius. Then Mr Arthur H. Smith. You will be sure to see the new pipe organ of which all Foochow is proud. Two thousand people were present at this session. But the plan of the church, made by Rev. Dwight Goddard, was so well drawn that every one could both see and hear the speakers.

In the other picture you should note four elderly ladies sitting in the front row. Mrs Ling very short. Mrs Ling at her right. Mrs Tan at her left sits rather high and another Mrs Ling at Mrs Tan's left with an open book in her lap. These are widows of former Am. B.d pastors.

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14 Beacon St.,
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My dear Dr. Strong:-

Your letter dated Nov. 27 came a few days ago. The mails have been very slow for several months. This letter brought the appropriations for the current year. I am not sure whether there was a letter lost or not the last letter from the Rooms before this one was dated Oct. 19, from Mr. Bell. The paragraph regarding reinforcements I take to mean that no new men are authorized. The one ordained man and the one medical man were authorized last year.

We can all sympathise most feelingly with the Board in the matter of rising expenses. Exchange has been worse for us this last few months than at any time during the twenty two years that I have been on the field. Two months ago I received a check from the U.S? for 100 dollars gold. I received for it in mexicans 169 dollars. This was at private sale and better by some two dollars than I could have done at the Bank. A year ago this same check was worth about 240 dollars. Add to this the rise in price of almost everything that we buy and you have our condition financially. I know however that this is not at all unique. It is the condition of the world. We shall however be compelled to take up the matter in Ad Interim Comm. I fear. I am writing this to prepare you for something along this line from that Committee.

I am enclosing to you the printed minutes of the Ad Interim Comm. covering the meetings from Aug. 23 to Nov. 15, 1916. Under Aug. 23 Vote 8 is the request for Miss Blanchard's furlough. Miss Blanchard wrote the W.B.M.I. regarding this. But the vote has never been sent to you. This is the cause for the telegrams re this matter. On Jan. 22 a telegram was sent reading "iphos" what has been decided about furlough "voiyt" Miss Blanchard. The reply came, "uezasipekm" there is no record to show furlough requested, Miss Blanchard.

This morning another telegram was sent "oarytipizd" Blanchard furlough nearly due. Mission advises immediate return tothe U.S.Will Board approve? There is no mail as yet advertised for Shanghai and I may be able to add the reply before this is posted. "pphintoanyt" = furlough with permission to return to U.S. has been granted Miss Blanchard

I am enclosing a type written copy of the Ad Interim minutes since vote 39, Nov. I5. And here after I will send you this copy of the minutes instead of waiting for the printed minutes. I will also send a printed copy when they come. I think there is nothing in these minutes that calls for special notice, except what I have already written about.

I am expecting a telegram from Dr. Smith any moment saying he is on his way from Canton to Foochow. Mr. Goddard and Mr. and Mrs. Brewer plan to be here about the first of March.

I was in Diong Loh in Dec. They have a fine lot of land there and good prospects for getting another piece that will make all they will need for many years. The ground for the new residence was broken and the house is now going up. The old house in which Mr. and Mrs. Newell lived when you were here was taken down last summer and a new residence now stands on the old site. The roof is on and the floors laid. Mr.and Mrs. Newell plan to move into it before they go to the mountain. This house is being erected from the Rent and Repair fund. Last week I was in Ing Tai. The new church and Y.M.C.A. and Parish HOuse (in one building) is nearing completiOn. They are using the church and will soon be using the whole.

The College closed Jan. IIth. It opens Feb. 8th. Entrance exams begin Feb. Ist. Last week I went up to Ing Tai to give the address at the Commencement. Ten boys graduated from the Higher Primary and four from the first year of the Middle School. This odd year will be discontinued. It is simply duplicating the work done in the College.

In some ways the last term of last year has been the most successful term in the College since I have been in charge. (I) The meetings of the Faculty have attained their greatest efficiency, and there has been a very pleasing degree of harmony. (2) After a year of discussion on the subject the Faculty has come to the unanimous decision that the Foochow College of the

future shall consist of four years of Middle school work, with one course to fit men for the Arts Course in the University and a course with more practical studies. We began this last year by offering a course in Business. For the present the four years of preparatory work in the Higher Primary will be under Foochow College as the preparatory course used to be connected with Oberlin and other Colleges. This brings us into line with the educational systems of the government and of other countries. (3) the scholarship of the students has been of the highest for several years, and less students have failed and more were on the honor roll. (4) During the term four events have brought the College very favorably before the public. (a) The students got up a lamtern procession for Independence Day, October IO, and with the handsome lanterns which they designed, with the Band and their uniforms, they quite won the favor of the officials and of the gantry and of the business men. (b)The Saturday evening before Christmas the students gave a play on the College grounds to an audience of their friends of 3000. Every thing connected with this was such as to bring credit to the College. (c) On Christmas Day the College held their Field Day. For the first time we invited the officials and gentry. They came.An audience of over 3000 sat thru the events which went off without a hitch. The officials wanted to give the boys $I80 in prises. The occassion made all feel very happy.(d) The Commencement came the nearest to my ideal of any that I have ever seen in Foochow. The Foochow Girl's College and the Union Normal School united with us in the Exercises. We were very fortunate in the choice of the orator, a Foochow man who has studied in Tikio and who has hald a high position in the government educational bureau in Peking. I have never heard the Chinese speak so highly of an address as they did of this one. The officials were invited and they came , but they came as our guests. We did not wait for them nor make any great display on their account. The highest official in the province, General Li spoke for nearly half an hour assuring the College of his hearty approval and moral support and urging the people to live unselfish lives. After the exercises a light lunch was served at my table when we had the opportunity of presenting to them the mission educational work and especially the University plan, which they heartily appro-

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Willard L Beard, Secy.

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I have written the Board about Miss Perkins, but it was sent to Miss Lamson, not to Dr. Strong. Doubtless the one letter will be sufficient, but if you think one should also be sent to Dr. Strong, I am willing to write to him also if you wish me to do so.

Cordially,

S. G. Dyer

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FOOCHOW, CHINA Oct. 6th 1917

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Dear Dr Barton:-

This is just a word to thank you for your letter of July 23 enclosing the message to the Mission Boards from the Committee of Ref. & Counsel.

The mails have been very uncertain for over a month.- not a word from the U.S. from Sept 18 until last night, Oct 18. We have not yet heard how the Board came out financially Sept. 1.-

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You have sent us a fine man in Leger. He is already a help to us with his special training in Education and he is wading into the language in good shape.

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Oct. 19, 1907

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My Dear Dr. Strong:-

There are four very important items of business to bring to you in this letter. Rather three of business and one of good news.

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FOOCHOW, CHINA ..... Feb. 7th 1918

Rev. Wm. T. Strong, D.D.
14 Beacon St., Boston
Mass. U.S.A.

My Dear Dr. Strong:-

Here are four very important items of business to bring to you in this letter. Rather three of business and one of good news.

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Let one say a big Thank Year for the Mission. May God give us love and wisdom to use all to His glory in helping the Kingdom to grow.

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Take care & big Friend Spr. the Commission Long Sd
Miss no Lore and cousins. It was all the sleep is talking the living ones
Affectionately
W.A.B.

JUN 18 1918

Foochow, China,
April,9th. 1918.

Rev. H.E.B.Case
14 Beacon St.
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The work in schools and churches was never in a better ondition. I am sending to Dr. Strong two photos, one of the faculty of Fooc how College in 1914 and one of the Faculty in 1918. Please tell him of this.

Very sincerely yours,

Willard L. Beard

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Missionary Home
Shanghai
China
April. 20th 1918

Dear Dr. Strong! -

This week Monday and Tuesday = April 15th and 16th I was in Nanking attending a conference called by Rev P. F. Price D.D. of the Southern Presbyterian Church to consider the matter of union between the Presbyterian bodies in China - who were at that time meeting in Council in Nanking - and the L. M. S. and American Board churches. Rev. L. à Hok Mieng and myself were delegates from Foochow and Dr Arthur H. Smith from our N. China mission. We spent all day Monday and Tuesday in the discussion. Monday evening all the delegates from the London Missions and the Am. Bd missions with a number from the Presb. bodies equal to that from these two bodies met to draft articles looking toward the union. I am enclosing the result of our work.

These articles were passed unanimously and heartily. The L. M. S. has its national organization in China. The Presbyterians are now considering a National Assembly. We took initial steps to form some kind of a union between our three missions in China a year ago last autumn.

I am in Shanghai now for the China Continuation Committee. All was well in Foochow when I left. A telegram on Wed. morn. told us that a member of the C. M. S. = Mr Graham = had been shot by bandits. Two areas in North China are held by bandits for ransom - China is at war with herself - the world is at war - and God still reigns.

Very Sincerely Yours W. L. Beard

Shanghai

Dear Mr. Li,

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

between the

PRESBYTERIAN, LONDON MISSION, and AMERICAN BOARD CHURCHES

We the representatives of the above bodies having conferred together during the meeting of the Presbyterian Council in Nanking, it seems to us that the time has come to take action looking towards church union along the following lines; which we submit as recommendations to our respective constituencies:

1. The Principle. The formation of a Federal Union between the Churches of the Presbyterian Council, the London Mission, and the American Board, and the extending of a cordial welcome to other like-minded churches that may be desirous of entering the Union.

2. Name. The name shall be the Federal Council of Christian Churches in China.

3. Object. The object of the Federation shall be such comparison of views and adjustment of practices as shall prepare the way for ultimate organic union.

Organising Committee.

4. A Committee consisting of 12 members (with 12 alternatives), six to be representatives of the Presbyterian Churches, three of the L.M.S. Churches, and three of the American Board Churches. This Committee shall confer and make recommendations to their constituent bodies as to:

(a) The formation of a Federal Council

(b) Articles of Belief, Constitution and rules of the proposed Union.

The Presbyterian body is asked to appoint a Convener from among its representatives.

5. Meeting of Council. After the Committee has drawn up a plan of Union, and after such plan has secured the approval of the constituent bodies, the Committee shall call a meeting upon such basis of representation as shall have been agreed upon.

Nanking April 16th, 1918.

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Passed by L. M. Presb. & Amer. Board
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FOOCHOW COLLEGE
President's Office

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The Committee wished me to write informally about Miss Blanchard. It is rumored that she has resigned. We very much regret this if it is true. We all feel that Miss Blanchard is one of our most efficient workers. The work that she has done in the Diong Loh field among the women and the day schools is of a very high order. She has the language well. She is a fit. As far as we know every individual of the Diong Loh station wants her to come back and wants it hard. If there is anything which we can do to help clear the way so that Miss Blanchard can return we shall be most glad to do it? I have written you in previous letters my own feelings on the question of her return, and as far as I know these are the feelings of the mission.

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I note that Mr. Hodous has been appointed as the second representative on the Board of Trustees for Yuklen Christian University. I note also and with deep regret that the Committee has granted releases without time limit to Mr. and Mrs. Hodous. I note also that it would be well for all missionaries whose children have had the mumps on the field to arm themselves with a physician's certificate when they go on furlough.

On April 24 I wrote Mr Patten reaffirming our request for the appointment of Mr Arthur B. St. Clair. I trust that it will not seem to the Committee unbecoming in us to thus ask the second time after Dr. Patten's letter.

I am enclosing minutes of Ad Interim for April 17. Please note #48. This next vote on the appointments for the Shaowu station, is, I suppose, the last time we will do this for them. Please also note #53 in the Ad Interim minutes of May 8th. I also enclose a little paragraph about a half day's work.

Since I wrote you last from Foochow I have been in Nanking to attend the meeting of the representatives of the ~~KMSRS~~ L.M.S., the Presbyterian and AMERican Board missions in China to consider union between these churches. The results I have sent you, and I am enclosing another copy with a slight change. The number of delegates to the organizing council is 16 instead of 12.

At the last Ad Interim Committee meeting we were talking over the young ladies who are now at home from this mission and whose relation to the mission we are in some doubt about. These are Misses Gittenden, Dornblaser, Deahl, Blanchard and Brown. Some of these have told us that they were planning to resign. We hear rumors that others have resigned. But we have nothing from the Board in Boston about any of them. We have asked for the return of each of them. But have not heard whether they are planning to come back or not. Would it be possible for us to know what relation each holds to the mission? If any of them has actually resigned and there is no hope that she will ever return we want to ask for another to take her place. Recent letters have given us the status of Mr. and Mrs. Hodous and of Miss Riley. It has been clear to us what we should do in these two cases.

The Committee wished me to write informally about Miss Blanchard. It is rumored that she has resigned. We very much regret this if it is true. We all feel that Miss Blanchard is one of our most efficient workers. The work that she has done in the Diong Loh field among the women and the day schools is of a very high order. She has the language well. She is a girl. As far as we know every individual of the Diong Loh station wants her to come back & wants it hard. If there is anything which we can do to help clear the way so that Miss Blanchard can return we shall be most glad to do it? I have written you in previous letters my own feelings on the question of her return, and as far as I know these are the feelings of the mission.

Very sincerely yours,

Hubert Sawyer

Pei Tai Ho, North China
August 3rd 1918

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Dear Mr. Strong:-

This can hardly be called a mission letter for I do not know whether or not I am now corresponding secretary of the Foochow Mission. I left Foochow July 11. had two very profitable days in Shanghai - came on to Tientsin by the same boat and from there to Pei Tai Ho by rail. I am staying here for four weeks with my sisters, Flora and Mary of the North China American School. There are some fifty members of the Am. Board missions here.

In Shanghai I saw St. Clair and learned that he received the cable announcing his appointment and that of Mrs Yoemans on the day that I left Foochow. A postal from Mr. Belcher says that at the annual meeting of the mission in July it was voted to send St. Clair and Leger to Peking in Sept. for language study. Among our reasons for this action were, in the case of St Clair, that he had been in the East at work for three years. To sit down alone with one teacher and hone on the Foochow dialect would be a very difficult proposition. But with the inspiration of the Language School he could scarcely help making good progress. The universal testimony is that there is every incentive to the best work in these Language Schools. and that the progress is greater than under any other conditions.

In Mr. Leger's case - he has finished the two years course prescribed by the mission for new missionaries. - did

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it in seven months.- I strongly advised his attending the Peking Language School (1) to learn their method of teaching the Chinese language (2) to get a start in the Pekinese Mandarin. It is very desirable that our mission should have one or two members who can understand Mandarin. Mr. Dennis of the Y.M.C.A. Foochow spent a year in the Nanking Language School before coming to Foochow and found it a great help in acquiring the Foochow dialect.

I hear that the mission adopted a new constitution. Just what it is I do not know. You will see it. But I shall hope to see the Men's Work Comm. and the Women's Work Comm. done away with. This is in line with your suggestion to me while in Boston in 1916 and repeated in a letter within the past year.

Dr. F. K. Sanders was our guest in Foochow for a week in June. He had several conferences with individuals and one general meeting, well attended, of the missionaries. His suggestions and counsel were valuable along the line of language study. Mr. Lager's going to Peking to study this fall really grew out of the Sanders' visit to Foochow.

Problems are always developing.- some of them of a very delicate nature. One such is on now in Foochow. I fear you can do little to help us. But you should know the problem. When Mr. Hodous left, Mr Hubbard was appointed to take his place in the Theological (Union) School. If this had been for a year only it would have passed all right but the President of the School Rev. J. B. Egerton has quietly asked one times during the

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past two months if we cannot do something to help him out - if we cannot let Seger or some one give a few lectures each week. Mr. Hubbard does the best he is able to do. But it is impossible for him to give the students a course that has value. One of our own students declared last January as he graduated from Foochow College that he would not go to the Union Theol. School for the course amounted to nothing. This was largely due to Mr. Hubbard. I think you understand the problem. and you will help by prayer. We must find some way to help the Theol. School make good, and at the same time recognize Mr Hubbard's and Mrs Hubbard's feelings.

Another problem of easy solution is furloughs. We are all on the field now. Our furlough naturally comes first and Mr Mrs Newell's comes soon after. I have talked this over somewhat with Mr Newell and others - We should plan to send some one home in 1919 - It may be the Newells. Mr. Beard and I would prefer to wait till 1920. - Mrs Beard has been out only two years and, more to the point, we shall not bring either of our children back (one is now in the other is) and we would prefer to have them a little older when we leave them at home.

I hope we shall hear soon of the incorporation of the Fukien Christian University. We have the B'd of Managers elected here and we are waiting to hear of the incorporation, to dissolve the several B'ds of Managers of the Theol. Sch. - Med'l Sch. - Arts College & Normal Sch. I shall be chairman of each of the units and of the University B'd also. so this will not be a difficult job. It will lessen committee work quite materially.

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The news from Europe has been good for nearly a month now. The last news from our son Gould was a postal mailed from St. Louis, so we infer that he is now learning to fly in Texas.

I plan to leave here Aug. 20 or 21. Spend four days in Peking and Tungchien, stop one day in Techow, one day in Tsinanfu reach Shanghai Aug. 30 and Foochow Sept 2. College opens Sept 11.

Very Sincerely Yours
Willard L. Beard

William L. Beard

Pei Tai Ho,
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President's Office

FOOCHOW, CHINA Sept. 23rd 1918

Rev. Wm E. Strong. D.D.
14 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Strong:-

My last letter to you was written from Pei Tai Ho in July. I reached Foochow on my return Sept 3rd, and I found your letter of June 27 waiting for me. Your letter of July 24 reached me Sept. 10th.

In my letter of Nov. 5, 1917 I reported the receipt of twenty diplomas with no signiture on them, from the Board of Trustees and asked you to send more as soon as possible, signed. I have not heard whether these are on the way or not. So I have written Dr. E. L. Smith, now in Peking, asking if he could sign these, if he can I shall send them to him.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting are nearly ready to mail. You will see that the mission "Sawed ice" and now have a Constitution and By Laws. and that we ask the Prudential Committee to approve these.

Vote 5. was necessary because there is no one to take charge of this School. If a woman is sent out to take charge of it we can find a place for it for a year or two until the Hospital's lease of three years is up. This explains any question on Vote 6. Vote 7 means very much to all the work and workers. We owe a very great debt of gratitude to the Board for granting the 2 for 1 this year.

Votes 13 and 14 are covered by special letters. Vote 15 asking for Mr. and Mrs. Newell's furlough to begin in 1919 June, is in accordance with the suggestion which I wrote you in my letter from Pei Tai Ho in July. We are all here now and if we wait for the usual time for furloughs it will take Newells and the Beards away at the same time. The proposal was made that the Beards go in 1919 and the Newells go in 1920. But on account of the ages of the Beard children it will be better for the Beards to wait till 1920 and on account of the Newell children it will be better for the Newells to go in 1919. The Beard children will not come back with their parents from furlough. The Newell children will.

Votes 19 and 20 are in line with suggestions made in my letter in July from Pei Tai Ho. Both men are in Peking now. Some-things will need to be done to finance them, as their own teachers allowances will not cover tuition and trevel. I hope that we can finance them from the teachers allowances unused. It is likely that the Ad Interim Com. will ask the Board to allow this.

Vote 26 is in line with the construtive work done in the Annual Meeting this years, and it will be a great help in many tight places.

Vote 35 I trust will be pleasing to the Prodential Committee and receive its approval.

Vote 37 is important. Mr. Donaldson has won the confidence of the other people in the station and of the men of the mission. I can not add any thing stronger to this to the vote.

A notification came to Mr. Gardner on Saturday last Sept 21 telling him to get ready to go to Siberia for government service. This notification came from the military headquarter in He has not yet gone, but we doing our best to find persons to take his classes this term. It is no easy task to find people to take a man's whole work. But what must be done can be done. This means that we must ask you to send a person with a College deploma to take his place as soon as possible. The latest date should be Feb. 1, 1919. A woman will fill the place alright. As Mr Gardner will not draw his salary after he leaves, would it be right for the new appointee to come out on the Foochow College Professorship Endowment?

Recent letters to individuals of the mission indicate that Miss. Blanchard has changed her mind and is quite willing to return. This is in every way desirable from the point of view of the work and workers here. I know of absolutely no mind here but a strong desire that she should return. She has the language, knows the work, is efficient and works in harmony with others.

In Pei Tai Ho I had the best rest for one month that I ever remember to have had. My two sisters and I lived in our own rented "band box" in 10 by 10 rooms and kept house in quietness, when we were not in the sea which was two hours each day.

On returning to Foochow I found the Chinese people moving away as fast as sedans, carriages and rickshas could carry them. Reports were rife that trouble was imminent. It was coming that night, it has not come yet.

In spite of the fact that other schools were not opening and that our friends told us repeatedly that trouble was surely coming "tonight". The College opened on schedule time and with the usual number of students.

Miss. Thomas is expected to reach Foochow in a few days.

I have had two good letters from Dr. Smith since he reach Peking.

Feb: 7 1918 I wrote you reacceptebly in the Union Medical College. The Board of Managers has engaged him for another year for $1800 Mex. the Board is now sending us $1000. mex. for his salary and I am asked to write to request you to increase it to cover his increased salary. He is now married and it was either let him go or increase the salary. His effisiency was the point that decided the matter. I have already written so fully on the economy of this for the Board that I do not need to write it again.

Very sincerely yours

Willard L. Beard.

Dr. S. Y. Li who has been teaching

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Minutes of the annual meeting are in another cover.
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Dear Dr Strong.—

I wonder if you approve of my saving 10¢ by putting two envelopes into one when they are so light.

Several of us are meeting with Mr Mrs Peet (on Friday) and Mr Mrs Hubbard and Miss Hartwell to see if by a frank talk we can help matters in the Peet case any. At Mr Peet's urgent request we are asking Dr Turner of the G. B. & S. Union, Mr Wm Muller of the C. M. S. Foochow and Mr. Cartwright of the Ch. E. Foochow to sit with us. I understand they plan to send you their findings — not at all thinking to influence the Board's decision.

I have felt for a long time that Mr Mrs Peet had a lot of things against me of which I knew nothing. I know from time to time that they are saying these things to various persons — outside of the mission and to new comers in the mission — and it will

do us all good to have them talk openly. We will all feel the better for it.

The feeling in the mission as a whole is good. The fellowship is good. The mission is doing constructive work and they are doing good team work. They seem working harmoniously.

The situation among the Chinese is no better than it was in 1915. The pastors and preachers are as badly divided as ever. And the Alumni are just about as they have been since 1914.

The telegram has just come telling of the surrender of Austria – May God choose His own men to make peace and give them great wisdom and love

Very Sincerely Yours
Willard G Beard

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FOOCHOW, CHINA.....Oct. 21th.....1918

Wm E. Strong D.D.
14 Beacon Street Boston
Mass. U. S. A.

ear Dr. Strong:-

Your good letter of Aug. 9th come with the one of Aug. 8th n Oct 5th. The censor did not agree with your sentiment about China's bility to weather the present storm and so I do not know whether they ere ~~orthox~~ do or not. But he may allow we to thank you for writing so thorughly about the status of the missionaies on furlough. We understand now hom we can depend on to return in the near future.

These letters do not contain matters that call for reply.

I could write much about the political situation but it would be oo interesting to the censor and hence a wast of time and ~~hope~~ paper.

All mission work is going on even better than usual. Business men re watching very closely to see when Foochow College sends the students ome. For then "The trouble is surely imminent". It is astonishing to see he confidence which we hold in the minds of all. Schools, Bible Classes, unday Schools and churches are showing new life in this time of stress nd anxiety.

Oct. 29th

Mr. Donaldson is down from Ing Tai today and will go back at nce taking with him Mrs Donaldson and their children and Mrs Smith and ner children. Mr. Smith writes "Church was crowded today and a children's neeting of 9o going on simultaneously in the basement".

We have decided to postpone the Annual Meeting of the Congregaional churches here from Nov. 12-19 to Feb. 6-13, 1919.

While you were in Annual Meeting at Hartford we were remembering ou here each day at 12:15 p.m. in our station daily prayer meeting. Soon e shall be receiving the report of that meeting.

Very sincerely yours

W L Beard

Foochow

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FOOCHOW, CHINA ..... Nov. 25th 1918

Rev. Wm E. Strong D.D.
14 Beacon St.
Boston
U.S.A. Mass

Dear Dr. Strong:-

Enclosed you will find minutes of Ad Interim meeting for Oct. 9. I have received a letter from Miss Lamson asking certain questions relating to the Training School for Christian Woman -of which Miss Brown had charge. I have acknowledged the letter and will reply as soon as the Ad Interim decides.

Your letter of Oct. 4 reached me Nov. 17. This brought us the good news that Mr F.T.G.Konaldson had been appointed a member of the mission. It brought the sorrowful news that the Board had deficit its books $26000 in debt We feel that we have, in a way, been partly responsible for this dificut because we have used so much more gold than usual due to the price of silver. We sympathize to the full with all of you who must listen to our calls and look, at the same time, at this dificut. Be sure we are praying for you continually. Did you know that each day at 12:15 the city station meets in Mr Scotts parlor for prayer. One day each week we pray specially for the Home Board.

Your letter of Oct. 17 arrived Nov. 21. We learn from this that Mr Neff's furlough is granted to begin Jan. 1919. I hope he will decide to remain until July 1st. The report of sub committee on China relating to the letter from Foochow Missionaries regarding Mr. and Mrs. Peet also came in this letter and we learn with deep regret that the Annual Meeting had to be postponed to Dec. 10 to 13 on account of the action of the Board of Health of Hartford . This much is fairly sure from what the censor left of that paragraph.

It made us all sad to read in the Congregationalist of the death of your son Ellsworth in France, and we send to you our sympathy and ask God to be your comfort.

We are in various ways expressing our joy over the armistice . Foochow College had a procession thru the principle streets of the city on Thursday Nov 14 . General Li received about 300 of us-asked us to sing and the Band to play and then addressed the students. After the address he invited all to tea and cake.

On another day there was a special prayer meeting. On another day an outside orator was invited in to talk on the subject of world peace. This man, a non-Christian, said in clossing his address. "The President in Pekin has telegraphed instructions to General Li to have every one unite in prayer and Thanksgiving. The adherents of each religion are to pray to their own deities - the Buddhists to their deity, the Tauists to theirs and the Mohammedans and Catholics and Christians to theirs. But I ask to what shall I pray? Some answer, to heaven. But what is heaven -only a place. It must have a ruler. He must be Lord of heaven. Others say pray to the spirits -what or where are they? Nothing-anywhere -nowhere. I have come to the conclusion that there must be one Lord of Heaven. He is called by Christian, God and it is to him that I must pray"

The world-wide influenza is in Foochow. It is not serious with us as yet.

Have I announced the arrived of Mr. and Mrs Peter Geertz? They have been appointed to the Diong Lok station and they are now there.

Very sincerely yours

W L Beard

Under another cover I am sending a photograph of Faculty and students in front of Lincoln Hall

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FOOCHOW, CHINA Nov. 24th 1919

Rev.Wm.E.Strong , D.D.
14 Beacon St, . Boston,
Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Strong:-

Your good letters of Sept, 17, Oct. and 26th are here. I cannot now take time to comment on these, so I say thank you. I say this altho the letters say "NO" to some requests that are very dear to us as a mission.

Rev. and Mrs. Reumann arrived last Friday in good condition and we thank you for them. We will try to take good care of them.

The one matter that has demanded all of the attention of every man in charge of a school in Foochow during the past week is the student's strike resulting from the riot of Sunday Nov. 16th. I am sending you on another sheet a statement of the riot without comments.

I am writing Monday at 2:50 p.m. The heads of all mission schools in Foochow met last week after the students refused to attend classes and decided that they must go back to work this (today) morning.

Our students were in classes all right this morning. But struck again at the 1:30 p,m. class. I went into the room where they were discussing and told them to leave the room and go either to classes at once or go home, If they went home they were expelled and would need to pay all tuition again before they could get into school. They went to classes but the trouble is not settled. If they strike and leave I can do some evangelistic work. I have had some very interesting experiences in the country among the churches during the past three weeks.

I want to get this into the mail closing today so will not write more. We go into Annual Meeting with the Chinese tomorrow evening.

Very siscerely yours,

Willard L. Beard

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FOOCHOW, CHINA .....Oct. 24th.....1919

Rev. Wm E. Strong D.D.
14 Beacon St.
Boston
Mass.
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Strong:-

Dr. and Mrs. Patton have just left Foochow where they have spent four days. Sat. mourning Oct. 18, at 7:30 o'clock they reached Upper Bridge, 5 miles above Foochow, from Shaowu. They spent Sat. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in and about Foochow. In all Dr. Patton has met the Chinese five times and the foreigners one. Mrs. Patton met with the women Chinese workers of our mission.

Dr. and Mrs Patton have done us all good personally in addition to arousing interest in the Inter Church World Movement.

Wed. Oct. 22 they spent in Diong Loh. I left them Wed. night at 9:30 on the steamer to go to Amoy, Swatau and Canton. We shall long remember with pleasure and profit their visit.

On Tuesday Oct 21 we held a mission meeting. At this meeting two votes of importance were passed.

Vote 14 "That the mission grant the request of the Union University that Mr. Beach be appointed by the mission to teach in the University. That the time at which he is to begin work with the University be left to the decision of the two bodies concerned i.e. the Ad Interim Committee and the Board of Managers of the University."

Vote 16 "That we approve of the recommendation of the Diong Loh Station as follows:-

"Voted that we recommend to the mission that medical work be opend at Pagoda and that Dr. Gillette be called to have charge of this work as a regular missionary of the Board, and that he allowed todo the special work of the Customs and be Port Physician, Subject in every respect to the rules of the American Board".

"Voted that in veiw of Dr. Gillette's residence at Pagoda the Diong Loh Station does not feel the missionary and the medical work of the country adaquately cared for and that we request that a medical missionary be sent out for the Diong Loh Station as soon as possible"

We have just passed thru a very interesting time in the College. The term opend very quietly with every space filled and boys turned away for want of room to receive them.

The Military General forbade any demonstrations on Independence Day Oct 10th. This was resented by the student body in general and by each body in particular. Feeling ran high. Our students disobeyed a rule of the faculty, and as a result 123 have had to make confessions and sign a compact to keep the peace. All is quiet now and good work is being done.

The Churches are rejoicing in large audiences and in receiving members enrolled as learners. The church at Water Gate is about to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. Its slogan is "Self-support from Jan. 1920,"

Miss Wiley is here and has been appointed to work with Miss Hartwell and take over her work when she goes on furlough.

We remember you all in Boston and all the Missionaries of the Board at our noon day prayer meeting every Thursday.

Very sincerely yours

W. L. Beard, Secy.

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FOOCHOW, CHINA Oct. 8th 1919

Rev Wm E. Strong D.D.
14 Beacon St.
Boston
Mass
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Strong:-

Since my last letter to you May 15th I have received yours of dated, May 8th, June 13th July 14th, July 25th, Aug 7th, Aug 23rd and Aug 14th.

Mr. Newell is at home and will supply all details of the Industrial Trades Higher Primary School. At Annual Meeting the mission endorsed the plan and approved of Mr. Newell's giving time while at home to further it and if thought best by him and by the Board we approve of his going into this work on his return. He is the one man in Foochow for the President of this School.

The Foochow College Diplomas have arrived and are entirely satisfactory.

Dr. Patton and Mrs. Patton arrived here Sept. 27th and left for Shaow Sept 28th. A letter from Shaow last night stated that they had reached there all right,

Your letter of June 13th reports several actions of the Prudential Committee favorable to the sale of some old property, emergency grant to missionaries' children in the U.S., Miss Wiley's return and grants of money by the W.B.M. for all of which we thank the Board. We also send thanks for the appointment of Mr and Mrs Otto G. Reumann and we note the special letter of Mrs Reumann's health. It was a pleasure to welcome Miss Blanchard last week and I voice the mission in sending our thanks for her return. We already had in mind what your have written about her desire to be located at Ponasang.

On July 25th you reported the P.C.S. action in granting $300 for Ing Tai Hospital for this year and the $300 for Diongloh Chinese Physician. The matter of the architect we will consider in the next Ad Interim Meeting.

A letter has been received from Dr. Cooper in which he writes "I would be very much disapointed to say the least, if on my arrival there I should find no opportunity for this kind of work (Teaching in the Medical School) and I might find it exceedingly difficult to adjust myself to some other appointment; say Ing Hok for instance" The Ad Interim has just voted as follows;-*

The Board of Managers of the Medical School unaminously want him to return to the ready to take up the work of teaching in Feb. 1920. Dr. Mc Kenzie of the C.M.S. is here and at work. The Board of managers has asked our mission and the Meth. Mission to each supply two teachers. Dr. Cooper is one for us, and they want Dr. Li to be the other one. The Ad Interim asks you to retain him and also send Dr. Cooper. Dr. Li's salary is $1800 mex with no other expenses. He has commended himself very highly to students, Faculty and Board of Managers during his nearly three years in the school, and during this past Summer he gave his time unstintedly to the work of the Red Cross Hospital = our City Hospital.

I have written so much about the efficiency of Dr. Li that I can add nothing. We welcome Dr. Cooper back but the Board of Managers feel that they must find some way to retain Dr. Li also. Dr. Li is a Methodist. If it is utterly impossible for the Prudential Committee to meet his salary, $1800 mex, could you in any way influence the Meth. Board to do it.

* In view of the imperative need of retaining Dr. Li in the Union Medical College we urge the Board to assume the burden of his support in addition to that of Dr. Cooper."

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or is there any way in which you can help us find $1800 a year to retain him?

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FOOCHOW, CHINA June 19th. 1919

Rev. Wm.E.Strong, D.D.
14 Beacon St. , Boston,
Mass, U.S.A.

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Foochow
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FOOCHOW COLLEGE
President's Office

FOOCHOW, CHINA May 15th 1919

Rev. Wm E. Strong D.D.
Boston
U.S.A. Mass

Dear Dr. Strong:-

Your good letters under dates of Feb. 13 (received Apr. 11) Feb. 20 and Mar. 19 have been received. The letter to the officers of the chruches, which accompanied the ltter of Feb. 13 has been translated and is now being revised for printing and circulation aomong the Chinese . The time was never so ripe for soul winning in this mission as now. The doors of opportunity are off their hinges. The Admiral of the Chinese Navy is a Foochow man. He has been in Foochow for the past six months. He is now studying Christianity and reading an English Bible. I am enclosing a brief account of a day's work in April. That is a testimony along the same line.

The letter of Feb. 20th reporting the action of the Prudential Committee relative to Dr Turner's letter about Mr. and Mrs Peet, I am showing to various Alumni of Foochow College at their request.

I have written your about the salary of Dr. Li in the Union Medical College. Your letter of Mar. 19 makes this alright. We thank the Board for this. Of course questions are asked about Dr. Cooper's return. I know that we shall hear as soon as you have any thing difinte to report.

May I also report to you the receipt of Dr Patton's letter of Mar. 24th to all missionaries, preparing the way for questionairres. This has been distributed and I saw in Shanghai Dr. Warnshuis, Dr Luella Miner and Mr. Watts O. Pye about Dr. Patton's itinerary. The mission will try and have ready a program for his intinerary in Foochow and also a program for the work of the mission in view of the Interchurch World-wide Movement.

You will note in the Ad Interm ~~ission~~ minutes for Apr. 30. Voted 70 a request for a special grant of $300 to meet the salary of Dr. Li. This is not the Dr. Li of Medical College. He is however a graduate of the Medical College with two or three years experience in a hospital of the C.M.S. in Hok Chiang. He will act as station physician in Dr. Gillette's absence and will keep the Hospital open. Medical attendance could be had from the Arsenal but ~~but~~ it would cost for the station $100 per family at least and the hospital would get no bemefit. I think Dr. Gillette will take this matter up with you.

You will note also under May 14 voted 73 that we are looking toward the establishing of Industrial work. I will not write more on this now. Mr Newell will call on you soon after he reaches home and tell you all about it.

Under voted 75 you know already that the University is asking the American Board for a man to teach History. I think we shall consider at our Annual Meeting in July whether we have such a man now on the field Mr Beach may possibly fill this place. This is only talk at present. I plan to go to Diong Loh next week and will talk it over with him.

You will be interested in Voted 76. If this could be done the large plantof the hospital would be fully utilized and in case the proposition about the Rockefeller Board does not materialize it would be a very big thing for the hospital.

Voted 80 I have already written you about and Mr Belcher has also written and is writing again.

Voted 81 is the same as was passed last year and granted, altho

the appropriation was not used. We felt that in view of the very disturbed condition of things in Ingtai this year and also in view of the fact that Dr and Mrs Whitney are leaving in July for furlough we should be secure on this $500 for the Chinese Doctor.

Mr and Mrs Riggs arrived two weeks ago from Shaowu, The day after they arrived Mrs Riggs gave birth two twin boys. One was atill born, the other died last Tuesday. Mr. Riggs was critically ill for several days but is now considered out of danger.

The political situation is very serious in many ways. The North and South are as far a part as ever. The country about Foochow in Ing-tai, Kucheng, and Hok-chiang is in the hands of bandits . The leaders of the bandits are in some cases members of churches.

The attack on a high official in Peking by students has become a national affair. The students of Foochow telegraphed President Hsu not to punish the offenders. On Monday Governor General Li called me to his office to ask me to help quiet the Foochow students.

Their is a boycott of Japanese goods on, as a protest against Japanese action in Tsingtau, Shangtung, and her loan to China.

Rice is high, wood is high. Business in the country is at standstill , because no one is safe in transporting goods. Foochow City is ~~quiest~~ quiet.

But the Kingdom grows. Ingtai never saw such growth in the churches and the account of a day's work which I am enclossing will indicate that the Kingdom is growing in Foochow. I have ~~been~~ just come from a church at Iong Gio Haeng where the members are enlarging the auditorium to double the seating capacity at a cost of $130. The church raising all the money.

Very sincerely yours

Willard L. Beard

Assigned

File, Plans

Foochow

May 15, 1919

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FOOCHOW COLLEGE
President's Office

FOOCHOW, CHINA May 15th 1919

Rev. Herbert E.B. Case
14 Beacon Street
Boston
U.S.A. Mass.

Dear Mr Case:-

I am in receipt of letters from you under dates, Mar. 4 and Mar. 31. The former tells us about the appoitment of Miss Mary E. Harbert and brings us her life sketch. It also says that Dr. and Mrs C.H.Patton are starting for China on the "Korea Maru" May 18. While in Shanghai in April I got together Dr. Luellar Miner, Mr Watts O.Pye and Dr. Warnshuis and talked over the itinerary for Dr. Patton. He is not giving China the best time for seeing mission work. But I think we can show him something - if he can stand the travel at the hot time of year.

In our mission Code Book I have made the following entries.
Eunice P Thomas No. 48
Annie L. Kentfield No. 49
Peter S. Goertz No. 50

The other letter brought with it the letters containing the preliminary statement to prepare missionaries for the Interchurch World Movement. These are already distributed.

Conditions in this province are beyond description. Bandits are having their own way in the country, shoot their officers and then loot, rape and torture and kill to their hearts content. Just now news from Paris and its effect on this nation is not quieting. The Commissioners in Shanghai who are told to make peace, do not deliver the goods. In spite of all this God's Kingdom moves forward. Three new places opened near Foochow since January.

Very sincerely yours,

W L Beard

Foochow

May 15, 1919

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FOOCHOW COLLEGE
President's Office

FOOCHOW, CHINA Feb. 7th 1919

Rev. Wm E. Strong D.D.
14 Beacon St.
Boston
U.S.A. Mass.

Dear Dr. Strong:-

The last letter left Foochow from me on Nov. 25th 1918. I am sorry that so long a time has passed. Examination and Commencements consume time without mercy. And this year the University has had extra business and the first commencement which have consumed days of time. But you are in the same circumstances and understand.

Your letters of Nov. 18-1918, Dec. 5-1918, and Dec. 28-1918 have arrived and since the censorship was removed letters come more quickly.

There are several important points to which I am asked to call attention. 1. In appropriations Dr. Cooper's salary is given for the last 6 months of 1919. You will recall that Dr. S.Y. Li was engaged by the Union Medical School to take Dr. Cooper's place and the Board has allowed Dr. Cooper's salary to meet Dr. Li's salary. Dr. Li is doing work very acceptable to all - both his fellow teachers in the school and to the students. I think the omission was an oversight, possibly of the estimates committee, and I trust the salary will be continued as in 1918. He is doing the work of a foreign Doctor in the school and is in all respects equal to a foreign doctor.

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3. You will see in vote 30 Jan. 9, that the Ad Interm ~~ission~~ approved of inviting Miss Mary Chang to teach in the Girl's College half time and do evangelistic work in Foochow half time. Miss Perkins wrote offering her $600. per year for this work and she has decided not to accept. It looks as if this was the end of the matter.

I am sendimg you under another cover three photos. #1 is of the Board s of Management, Faculties and this year graduates of all the Board's schools of Higher Primary grave and above. This is the list, (1) Ponasang Girls' College Middle School Department and (2) Higher Primary, (3) Bible Woman's Training School (4) Kindergarten Training School (5) Foochow College and (6) Middle School (7) and Higher Primary. The total number of graduates was 78. #2 - Graduates of Foochow College, #3 - Graduates of Foochow College High School Course.

We shall always remember this year as the one when the Fukien Christian University graduated the first class. There were five in the class. It is worthy of special note that three of these are planning to enter the ministry. The Union theol. School, the Union Medical School, and the Union Normal School joined with the University in Commencement Exercises.

The political Situation is as difficult as ever to write about. Ing Tai and Hing Hua have been very much disturbed and there have been many battles, the places being in the hands of the North and South alternately. Just now there is no fighting in this province, but things are not settled. Due to the disturbed conditions we have postponed the Annual Meeting of the Congregational Council from Nov. 13-1918 to Feb. 6-1919.

We were fearful last Fall lest Mr. Gardner would be called to Siberia but it looks now as if it would not be necessary. It would have made a very serious situation in the College had he been called away.

A.B.C.F.M. Board

The appropriations have all come for 1919. We thank the Board most heartly for the generous appropriations. It is one of the wonderful proofs of God's goodness to and care of His Kingdom that in times such as the world has passed thru during the past four years men and money have given to carry on the work with so little decrease. It is specially a course for gratitude that with great increase in expenditure, due to rise in prices and to the low price of gold you have been able to keep up the appropriation.

I must not take time to write more now.

Very Sincerely yours

Willard L. Beard.

In the Ed Interim minutes you will find a vote of thanks. You will also find a vote asking you to appoint Dr S. Y. Li to the Union Medical School as our permanent teacher on this staff. I should rather say to give us his salary as our permanent teacher. This will cost you $18.00 mex. or $9.00 (2 to 1 exchange guaranteed) gold. He fills the place in all respects as would a married physician to whom you would give outfit, travel expenses, house rent etc etc. The mission would be happy and the Medical School would be happy. I have written fully about Dr Li but it may be well to add it again here.

He has had a full Medical course in the U.S. and one year of interne work. He is a Fukienese - son of a pastor.

W.L.B.

Will you please send me twenty Foochow College diplomas, signed in the next Foochow shipment.

W.L.B.

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Feb. 7, 1919.

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Foochow - China
Sept 19 - 1919

Dear Mr Strong:-

Enclosed you will find a letter on the opening of the new station in the Nang Sen field about fifteen miles S.W. from Foochow city. It is mostly in Smith's composition. I left with him to type, and as he has gone to Ing Tai I have signed as you see.

Sept 21 -

Mr Miss Patton arrived yesterday looking "quite fit." They plan to start for Shaowu this morning.

generally – but at this writing all is well.

We are rejoiced at the news Eddy's cable brought that the Board closed the year clear of debt.

I mailed the figures in the Outer church world Survey to you nearly a month ago. We shall hope to get a chance to talk of them to the Pattons when he returns from Shasunder

Very Sincerely Yours

W. J. Beard.

This is only a personal note

WJB

REC'D NOV

It has been a long time – too long a time since I wrote you. I shall do my best to get a letter off with remarks about the Annual Meeting minutes, this week.

You are experiencing in finding it difficult to get them your correspondence will help you to realize somewhat my own difficulty in this line. The Red Cross work in our City Hospital has completely used up my so-called vacation this summer. I have taken off just one day.

College has opened more auspiciously than any term since I have been in charge. We were full last lesson – but fuller this. All but 12 old students back and about 40 new ones. – We have some what optimistic about the Methodist attitude – every to the Bible last May and the interest in Christ

Jesus and the interest in Christ

W. L. Brock

Foochow

Sept. 19, 1919.

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Foochow, China,
Oct. 10, 1914.

My dear Mr. Bell:

In order that you may receive as soon as possible notice of our arrival, I am sending this rather brief note today to connect with a home going steamer.

We arrived at the mission Oct. 9th well and happy. The trip was very pleasant and we enjoyed both the new sights and the fellowship with about fifty other missionaries. Nevertheless, we were glad to finally reach here and to settle down to our work. We have very comfortable quarters here with the Cooper's and enjoy them very much as well as the other members of the compound, all of whom have paid us a visit within twenty-four hours of our arrival.

Next week we will send a fuller account of our trip and also the expense account for Mr. Wiggin.

With best regards from both Mrs. Belcher and myself to all you good people in the Room, I am

Your co-worker in the field,

Harold B. Belcher

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Foochow

Oct. 10-1914

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Foochow, China,
Oct. 17, 1914.

Dear Mr. Bell,

Having had a little time to get things settled and find out where we are, also having some rather interesting experiences fresh in my mind, I will try and get o ff a letter I have been planning to send.

As I had several errands to do in the business part of the city, which happens to be about three miles from our compound or one hour by sedan chair, Dr. Cooper and myself started off last Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock. Going out of the compound was like jumping from a large room in to a very small closet, so narrow are th streets and such a feeling of being pressed in is given with the shops close on either hand and the roofs almost meeting over your head shutting out almost all of the sky from you. We made out way through the Walled City and out the south gate, passing shops of all kinds and through smells of as many varying qualities. These shops are not at all like those we are acquainted with but are like so many booths one meets at church fairs, etc., having no doors or windows, (~~mpe~~) and opening right on the street. Our first stop was at Gak-siong-sang where we made a short visit on Mr. Hubbard. The Board has a nice compound there with room for several more buildings. The only trouble is that the approach to it is through "Fat Man's Alley" which, belying its name, is hardly big enough to be even a one-way street. Fortunately nobody was going the other way when we entered and we made the trip without any stop. The rest of the morning we spent going over to the south side and doing various errands, which included a visit to the bank and the American Consul at which place my name was inscribed as a citizen of the United States duly registered as residing in Foochow. Even after our short absence from home, a chance to see the Stars and Stripes and shake hands with the representative of our country did seem good, now please don't interpret this as meaning that we are homesick for it is far from that. In the afternoon we stopped at Ponasang for the weekly prayer meeting which alternates between the City and Ponasang, so I had a chance to see the compound and some of the buildings in it. Here Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Belcher joined us and after the meeting we took supper with the Hubbard's.

Then came the most interesting experiences of the day. The Chinese churches were to have the opening meeting of their Annual Meeting in the Dudley Memorial ~~Church and all~~ missionaries who had arrived since the last meeting were invited to be seated on the platform, so Dr. and Mrs. Cooper, Mr. Neff, Mrs. Belcher and myself, with Mr. Hodous and Mrs. Hubbard as our interpreters, (~~had a good opportunity to study a~~) had seats of honor with the Moderator, Mr. Li, of the Manchu Church, and four other Chinese pastors. It was interesting th study the faces of the congregation and still more interesting to note the difference in the expression on the faces of the church workers and those of the indifferent onlookers, of which there were quite a few, but even the sightseers are welcome for who knows but those may some day become interested. The main part of the church was well filled by men, women and children, the men being in the majority, and in order to make the meetings seem more informal the seats had been arranged in the form of a series of circles so that the people could group together. ~~The church~~ was lighted by two portable gas lights suspended fromabove, the one in the center being very bright, while the one near the platform was much dimmer, giving us excellent opportunity to study the faces in front of us without putting ourselves much in the limelight.

The meeting was opened by selections from the Foochow College

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The rest of the morning we spent going over to the south side and doing various errands, which included a visit to the bank and the American Consul at which place my name was inscribed as a citizen of the United States duly registered as residing in Pooshow. Even after our short absence from home, a chance to see the Stars and Stripes and shake hands with the representative of our country did seem good, now please don't interpret this as meaning that we are homesick for it is far from that. In the afternoon we stopped at Pomasang for the weekly prayer meeting which alternates between the City and Pomasang, so I had a chance to see the compound and some of the buildings in it. Here Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Belcher joined us and after the meeting we took supper with the Hubbard's.

Then came the most interesting experiences of the day. The Chinese churches were to have the opening meeting of their Annual Meeting in the Dudley Memorial Church and all missionaries who had arrived since the last meeting were invited to be seated on the platform as Dr. and Mrs. Cooper, Mr. Neff, Mrs. Belcher and myself, with Mr. Hodous and Mrs. Hubbard as our interpreters. ~~(has a good opportunity to study a~~ had seats of honor with the Moderator, Mr. Li, of the Manchu Church, and four other Chinese pastors. It was interesting to study the faces of the congregation and still more interesting to note the difference in the expression on the faces of the church workers and those of the indifferent onlookers, of which there were quite a few, but even the slightness are welcome for who knows but these may some day become interested. The main part of the church was well filled by men, women and children, the men being in the majority, and in order to make the meeting seem more informal the seats had been arranged in the form of a series of circles so that the people could group together. The church was lighted by two portable gas lights suspended fromabove, the one in the center being very bright, while the one near the platform was much dimmer, giving us excellent opportunity to study the faces in front of us without putting ourselves much in the limelight.

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Harold B Belcher

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14 Beacon St.,

Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr.Bell:

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Evangelistic,,,.....	$351
Educational.....	$446.50
Rents, repairs and building	$ 57.50
Miscellaneous.....	$ 35.
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Howard B. Waddell

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Rev. James L. Barton,
14 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

By the vote of the Mission at the Annual meeting I was appointed to compile the estimates as voted at that meeting and forward them to Boston. I enclose such list of estimates.

There is no need of explanation of them from me. I beleive that in every case where the amount was different from that asked last year or where a new item appears, the Mission appointed one or more persons to write a letter concerning the changes. I have however changed the form of the tabulation from that of last year into a form that I thought corresponded more with the instructions in the Handbook concerning the compilation of estimates. Owing to the fact that the Mission possesses no blank form for the A.B.C.F.M. saleries none could be used but I tried to tabulate them as the blank form calls. I should be glad to be in receipt of some of these blanks so that the person who compiles the estimates for the following years may have them to use.

The work has had to be a bit hurried but I beleive that there is no inaccuracy in it. Between helping Mr. Hubbard with the Treasurer's books for the June 30 report, typewriting the same report, making out the list of properties for Mr. Wiggin, which list is some months late, I have been quite busy the last two or three weeks. But as the typing of the estimates is the last piece of work in this extra batch I plan to go at the language study again tomorrow and will try to make up for lost time. I am sorry to say that I am about two months behind the schedule now but I hope that the end of the summer will find me caught up a bit. It has been hard to keep from going into the work when there is so much to be dome and so few to do it but I have tried to keep to the good instructions that I received from the good friends at the Board Rooms. It has been necessary, though, that I take over the Treasurership now and also the College Treasurership, the latter in order to save Mr. Christian from break-down. These tasks will constitute all the outside work that I will do until the language work is off. The work of the Treasurership I plan to keep along about as it is going now and not try to make the changes that I feel should be made until I can spare more of the time. I trust that the results of the language study examinations that I have had already show that the work done even though a bit less than standard amount has been done well

We are enjoying the summer here at Kuliang very much. The greater opportunity for out-door life and the fellowship with the workers from all over the province has been the greatest pleasures. Although we have had only two weeks to enjoy the new arrival in the family still we feel that he will prove to be one of our happiest Kuliang remembrances. With presonal regards from Mrs. Belcher and myself

Yours faithfully,

Harold B. Belcher

Kulang

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Rev. Chas. D. Belcher

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With regards,

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Foochow
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May 23 1916

Foochow Mission
FOOCHOW CHINA

Rev.W.E.Strong
14 Beacon St.,
Boston Mass.

REC'D JUN 20 1916
ANS'D.....

Dear Mr.Strong:

Your letter of April 18 to Mr.Beard has been received by me in the absence of Mr.Beard. We hope that by this time he is well on his way across the Pacific. It seems some time since he has gone yet it will not be long before he is back again with us.

I am enclosing the copies of the Ad-Interim Committee minutes from Jan 18 to April 18. It is the purpose of the committee to have its minutes printed more frequently. Dr.Kinnear the Secretary did not understand this point so there has been the long delay. In the future we hope to have them printed every month.

I do not know how much of a comment is the custom or is desired. However there are one or two points that I would like to make in connection with the votes.

Vote 125 ought not to make nay further question in the light of the letter which the Ad-Interim asked Mr.Hodous to write two weeks ago.

The money vote on Vote 134 is here so that matter is closed.

Harold B Belcher

Between Dr.Bliss,Mr.Beard and Mr.Smith you will be able to have any further questions answered.

The Ad-Interim Committee at the last meeting asked me to write you in my next letter about the sketch of the

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Foochow Mission
FOOCHOW CHINA

June 19, 1916.

Dear Mr. Strong:

Your letter of May 3rd and Mr. Case's of May 5th, the latter enclosing life sketch of Miss Bertha Allen the new appointee to the Mission, have been received by me as Secretary Pro Tem. Previous rumors of the possibility of Miss Allen coming out reached us and the confirmation of this was joyful news to us all. We note the date of her sailing, also that of Mr. and Mrs. Beach, Miss Garretson, Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg and Mr. and Mrs. McClure.

Your telegram stating time of Mr. Donaldson's sailing also received and information transmitted to Miss Strang.

I trust that you have received printed copies of the Ad-Interim Committee records which I mailed some time ago. I have also mailed thru the Rooms copies to be forwarded to Miss Chittenden and Miss Garretson, whose present addresses I do not know.

I am enclosing a letter from myself as Mission Treas. concerning the matter of the Peet's salary which was mentioned in your letter of May 3rd.

We have come up to Kuliang for the summer and I have managed to get moved up my various books, records and other para phernalia so that the Business Agent's office will still be opened. Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker with their children are in the house next to us so we are having fine opportunity of becoming acquainted with our new co-workers. We are sorry that they are going to leave us and go up to Shaowu for we would enjoy their company at Foochow but know that they will be able to carry on a fine work for the Mission in the station to which they are going.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Harold B Belcher
Sec. Pro Tem.

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Dear Mr. Strong:

I feel after your remarks concerning the matter of my stopping the salary of the Peet's some explanation of my action is due.

At the time when the notice of the Prudential Committee's vote was received no definite instructions were given to the Mission Treas. It was therefore necessary for him to plan on his own responsibility what should be done as regards financial arrangements. I based my action in stopping their salary the date of the receipt of the special vote on the three following points:

1st. In addition to the General Mission letter concerning the question, I also received a statement of the special vote from the Treas. of the Board. This fact had some significance.

2nd. The statement of the Prudential Committee said "At once", which I interpreted literally thinking it was meant in that sense.

3rd. My interpretation of the duties of Treas. is that no salary funds should be paid to persons not connected with the Mission unless definite instructions to the contrary were given. In consideration of the fact that the vote of the Prudential Committee seemed to sever the connection of Mr. and Mrs. Peet with the Mission I felt that I was going outside of my authority to pay unless I had received definite instructions to the contrary, which, as stated above, were not received.

I am sorry that my action was not in accord with the wishes of the Prudential Committee. So far as I know my action has not had any unpleasant effects upon the cordial relations that have been existing between Mr. and Mrs. Peet and myself since they have come back to the Mission. I am sending to them a copy of this letter to explain again the reason for my action. I am also sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Wiggin so he will have a full explanation of the reasons of my action.

With personal greetings from Mrs. Belcher and myself,

I am

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Copy to Mr. and Mrs. Peet,
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As a supplement to my letter of June 19th stating my reasons for withholding salary of Mr. and Mrs. Peet, I would like to ask for definite instructions on this point from the Prudential Committee. In the copy of the letter to Mr. Clarke you state that a reasonable time would be granted and also state that you would hope it would be less than 6 months. Neither of these contain anything definite for the Mission Treasurer to act upon. I feel that it would be much clearer and perhaps might save future questions or difficulties if the Prudential Committee should give me definite instructions on this point. I personally would appreciate it very much as I do not want to do anything in this question which would necessitate taking personal responsibility.

With cordial greetings,

Yours faithfully,

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Mission Treas.

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Your letter of May 16th to the Mission Secretary has been received by me and I am sending the copies to the different stations as is the usual custom. The whole matter has not been very clear, especially since the cable to the Mission Treas. Your letter of May 16th with enclosures seems to clear the matter up without any doubt and sad as the circumstances are it seems fortunate that the matter is cleared before we meet in annual meeting.

The annual meeting this year will be held here at Kuliang, beginning Thurs., July 6 and ending Wed., July 12. We are sorry that several of the members of the Mission will not be with us for this meeting , those home on furlough as well as Dr. Cooper, Mr. Storrs, Miss Bement and Miss Funk, who are spending the summer touring North China and Japan. The annual meeting Program Committee, consisting of Mr. Christian, Dr. Cooper and Miss Cook have worked out a program, a copy of which I enclose. We hope to put more time this year on constructive planning in the matter of Mission policy and less time on the individual reports of each item of the work. I think we all feel that the time has come when we have got to face some of the big problems of mission work as a mission and not as individuals carrying on their own special piece of work. Of course I am specially interested in taking up matters connected with the business and administrative end of the work but there are other problems of evangelistic, educational work and self-support that need careful consideration and planning. We hope that the report of the annual meeting will show some real forward steps.

Yours sincerely,

Harold B Belcher

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Secretary Pro Tem.

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minutes of the Mission Meeting will be printed and copies sent you. In the last mail I sent you a letter written by Dr.Bement in regard to one of the votes of the Mission Meeting.

Kuliang is full up now and with all sorts of meetings and conferences going on it is quite a busy place yet we try to get a little rest between times. The weather has been ideal so far without a single typhoon, not that we regret the absence of them. Dr.and MrsKinnear are spending the summer in the city keeping the hospital open for clinic an hour in the early morning. They report that with the aid of electric fans they are keeping quite comfortable.

With personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Harold B Belcher Sect.Pro.Tem.

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Kuliang July 31 1916

Rev.E.F.Bell,Sect.

14 Beacon St.,

Boston Mass.

Dear Mr.Bell:

On July 26 I wrote you enclosing the statement of General Work appropriation and apportionment for the Foochow Ponasang,Ingtai fields and for general work. On the 29th I received a letter from Mr.Hubbard asking me to fill out the statement for the Diongloh field. I enclose it herewith and trust that it will be ofnuse to the Prudential Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Harold B Belcher Mission Treasurer.

P.S. The ~~same~~ remarks in my July 26 letter hold for the apportionment in the Diongloh field as well as the other fields.

Harold B Belcher

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Rev.E.F.Bell;Sect.
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Dear Mr.Bell:

I enclose the statements of the apportionment of the 1916 general work funds in the case of the Foochow City,Ponasang and Ingtai Stations of the mission. Mr Hubbard will prepare the statement for the Diongloh Station and Mr.Storrs for the Shaowu Station. I have done it for the three stations because the approtionment is made by a joint foreign and Chinese committee for the whole lower field, (that is excluding Shaowu) and the figures for the whole apportionment are in my office.

I think that I explained in the letter last year about the use of special vote money in the general work. Instead of keeping th t outside the Committee we figure it is with the general work appropriation from the Board at home and this lump sum is apportionmd by the Committee. My figures however show only the division of the general work share of the total. In the case for this year the general work funds are 70% of the total,the other 30% being from special votes turned over by the different members of the mission. We feel that it shows the true status of the work better if the Committee handles the total amount. Of course all our apportionments are in Mex. I give you the figures in gold using .50 as the rate of exchange as this is the rate the Committee uses in figuring the amount available for apportionment. It is a little above the general average for the last few years but in the long run is as accurate as we can get and still have a convenient figure.

I hope that these figures will aid the Prudential Committee as they come to make the appropriations for the coming year. All our estimates for the coming year were made on the basis of the amount used this year except when there were exceptional opportunities that we felt we ought to follow up if the money was available. We are working hard to reduce the item of evangelistic work by getting the Chinese Church to take on more of the burden of support.

I also add one sheet covering the case of appripriations for work common to all stations.

With personal regards,

Yours faithfully,

Harold B Bebbe

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Aug. 7, 1916.

Rev. W. Strong,
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Dear Mr. Strong:

Your letter of June 30th has arrived and I have circulated the same to the members of the Mission. It is a little bit difficult in getting the letters to all the members of the Mission when they are away as they are this summer but with the exception of Miss Funk and Miss Bement I think all of the Mission members receive copies of the letters.

I wish to report on July 27th Mr. Donaldson and Miss Strang were married here at Kuliang. The Newells very kindly gave over their cottage for the wedding and we had a very pleasant affair. The ladies, with the help of some of the men, had decorated the house with greens and ferns, even putting up the conventional arch. Miss Nash played a short introduction on her violin, after which a chorus of about ten of us sang the Bridal Chorous. Mr. Hodous officiated, Mr. Neff acting as best man and MissBrown as maid-of-honor. The members of the Mission, with Miss Tow of our South China Mission and Mr. Beers of our North China Mission and Mr. Torrey of the Methodist Boys' School here, were the guests. As we have adopted Mr. Torrey, you see it was wholly an American Board affair. After the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson went to one of the cottages here which had been kindly loaned them for two weeks honeymoon, after which they will probably stay with the Newells for the rest of the summer.

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Mr. Strong:

You have probably received the calls for new workers for the American Board as prepared by Mr. Neff, with the notes concerning the same. We hope this new method will enable the Board at home to more accurately visualize the situation here and our needs and so help them as they plan out the new workers that they will authorize.

I enclose herewith a copy of the estimates, together with notations concerning them. In the case of the Women's Boards estimates, any needing special explanation will have special letters sent by the women.

The Ad-Interim Committee voted we should invite the Scotts to live with us on their arrival in Foochow until permanent plans for residence can be made. We shall be pleased with the opprotunity of becoming acquainted with them.

Yours sincerely,

B-B Harold B Bebler Secretary Pro Tem.

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Sept. 2, 1916.

Rev. W. E. Strong,
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Vote 4. The estimates with their annotation have already been sent to the Board.

Vote 8. The American Board calls for workers in chart form with annotations has already been sent.

Votes 13 to 16 constitute a change of policy in regard to Mission meetings. This year we tried to make our meeting as helpful as possible in looking at some of our Mission problems and trying to plan how to face them rather than devoting the whole time to mere report of work done. Next year our meeting at the Mountain in July will be concerned almost wholly with estimates and with the discussion of policy along the line of self-support.

Vote 17 provides for the matter of reports having them in the annual letter. Also there will be further opportunity for reports in connection with the Chinese annual meeting in the fall. We all hope this will mean the centering of our thought and attention in the summer on some of these vital problems of mission policy and we hope in that way we may come to some conclusion as to how to face these problems as a Mission and not as individuals in charge of separate pieces of work.

Vote 22. I shall send a special letter concerning this vote to Mr. Wiggin and I trust the matter will be favorably met by the Prudential Committee.

Vote 27. This contingent estimate was afterwards included in the regular list of estimates but it was brought up at

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Mr. Strong:

a later meeting so appears as a separate vote. You will find it on Page 6 of the estimates.

If there is any question on the part of the Foreign Dept. or the Prudential Committee in regard to these votes, the Ad-Interim Committee will be glad to send whatever additional information may be necessary.

Yours sincerely,

Harold B Belcher

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Sec. Pro Tem.

Mr. Strong, Sec.,
Boston, Mass.,

The Ad-Interim Committee of the Foochow Mission at its meeting [illegible] voted as follows:

"That the Foochow Mission be allowed to use unused 1916 A.B.C.F.M. teachers' allowance to the amount of $100. gold for the purpose of starting a library for the general use of the Mission".

I do not know whether or not the Correspondence Secretary has notified you of this action. According as Secretary of the Committee I am taking it upon myself to send notice of the vote and hope that the Prudential Committee will act favorably upon it.

I do not see as it needs any particular comment. We younger missionaries especially feel the need of greater knowledge of the Chinese customs and religions and it is of course financially impossible for each person to get the books themselves. The plan of making a mission library open to the use of all the members of the Mission seems to be the most efficient and economical way of handling the matter. If this request is granted the matter will be put in to the hands of a Committee, probably the Language Study Committee, who will select from the list of books on China as prepared by the Board of Missionary Preparation, such books as they think are the most valuable. In this way the control of it will be in the hands of those who are the most able to judge of the value of the books to be purchased. In view of the fact that the appropriation for teachers' allowances for the American Board appointees has a large balance large each year and as the study of these books is so closely related to the matter of language study we felt it would be legitimate to ask for the use of money from this source.

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Harold B Belcher Recording Secretary.

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Nov. 17, 1916.

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Nov. 21, 1916.

Mr. W. E. Strong, Sec., *Ans'd*
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Dr. W. E. Strong, Sec.,
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Dear Mr. Strong:

Your letter of Jan. 3rd received reporting the action of the Prudential Committee concerning the $100 grant for Mission Library.

The reason I wrote on these two points was that the Committee instructed the Treasurer to write a special letter concerning them because of their connection with finances. Mr. Beard, as Corresponding Secretary, will send you always reports of the Mission actions but occasionally when a matter of special importance or necessitating detailed information of a special nature is passed upon, the Committee asks that a special letter in addition to the Secretary's be written explaining the matter. Mr. Beard will probably write explaining this matter also.

Thank you for sending a separate letter in answer and I trust the Committee will see fit to make some extra grant for the people at Nanking.

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4. Union Institutions. These figures are ~~about~~ the same as last year and I refer you to our letter of last year for explanation of the same.

As in the case of last year, these explanatory notes, together with Mr. Kellogg's, take the place of special letters and so the lack of special letters this year does not indicate lack of pressing needs. We are profoundly grateful to the Board for its guarantee of $2 silver for $1 gold in the General Work Appropriations of 1917 and by vote of the Mission we ask the same guarantee for the appropriations for 1918. The pressing need of this is well known to the offices of the Board. At the present time we are obtaining about $1.25 silver for $1 gold and the work for many years has been carried on with a basis of $2 silver for $1 gold which rate has been very close to the average market up to this last year. We hope the Board will find a way of meeting the extra expenses of guaranteeing the rate and so save us the necessity of cutting down the work.

The item of W.B.M. Contingents has been temporarily delayed waiting a conference with Miss Perkins who has been spending the summer in North China. As soon as this has been arranged, the W.B.M.I. contingent sheet will be immediately forwarded.

Yours very sincerely,

Harold B. Belcher
For the Mission ~~Treas.~~
as per Mission Meeting Vot 5

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As in the case of last year, these explanatory notes, together with Mr. Kellogg's, take the place of special letters and the lack of special letters this year does not indicate lack of pressing need. We are profoundly grateful to the Board for its guarantee of $2 silver for $1 gold in the General Work Appropriations of 1917 and by vote of the Mission we ask the same guarantee for the appropriations for 1918. The pressing need of this is well known to the offices of the Board. At the present time we are obtaining about $1.25 silver for $1 gold and the work for many years has been carried on with a basis of $2 silver for $1 gold which rate has been very close to the average market up to this last year. We hope the Board will find a way of meeting the extra expenses of guaranteeing the rate and so save us the necessity of cutting down the work.

The item of W.B.M. Contingents has been temporarily delayed waiting a conference with Miss Perkins who has been spending the summer in North China. As soon as this has been arranged the W.B.M.I. contingent should will be immediately forwarded.

Yours very sincerely,

Edward B. Talbot
for the
Mission Press.

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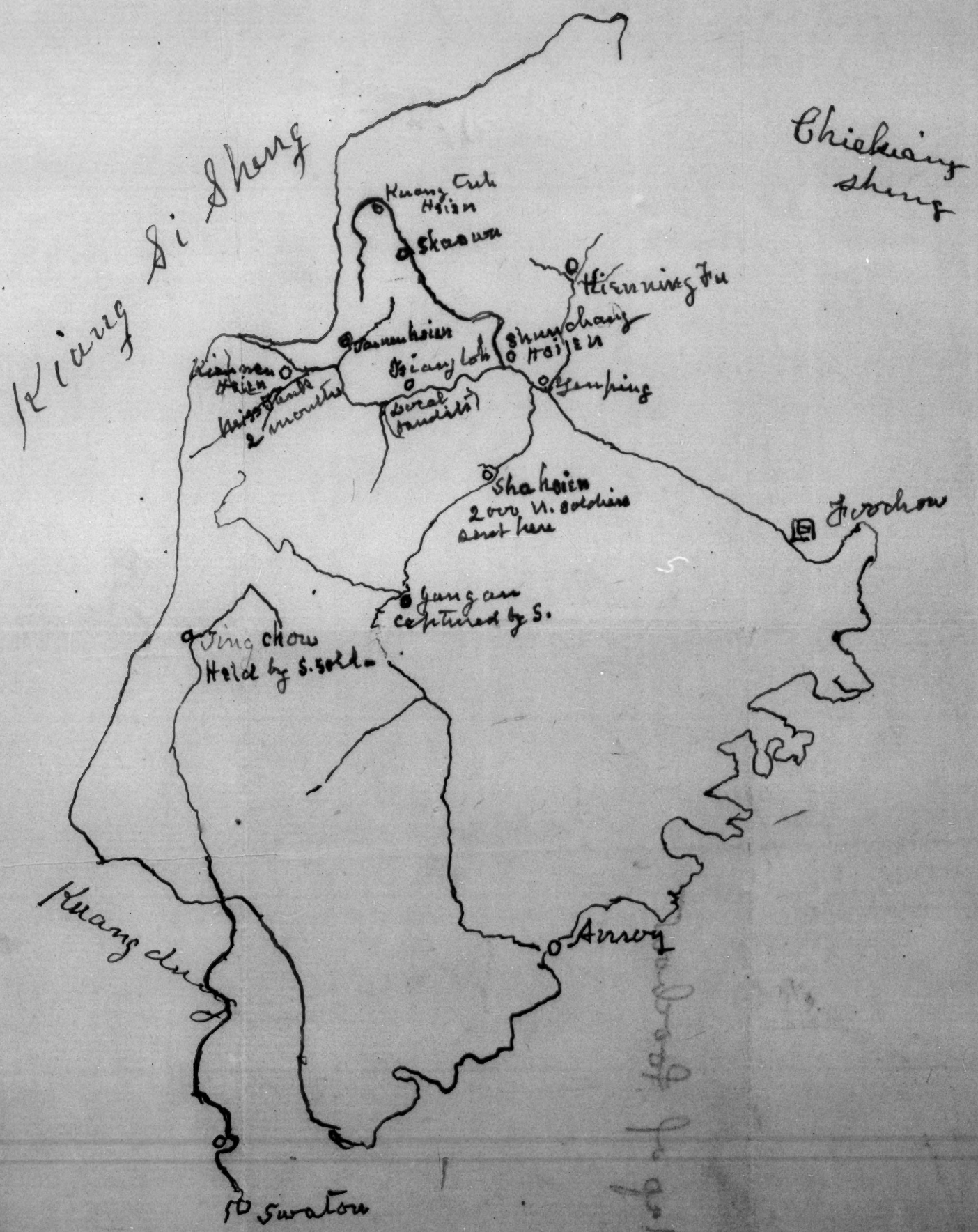

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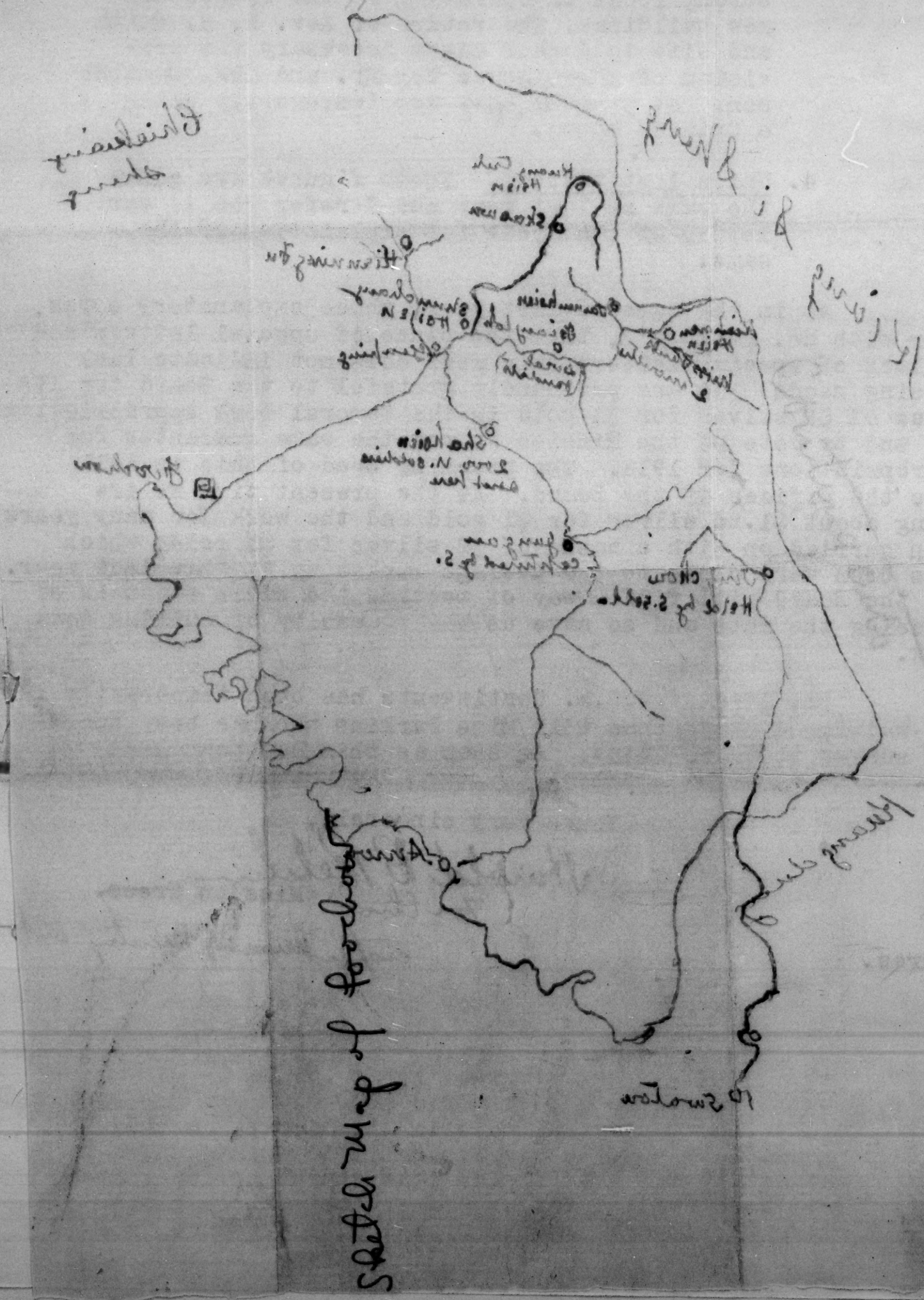

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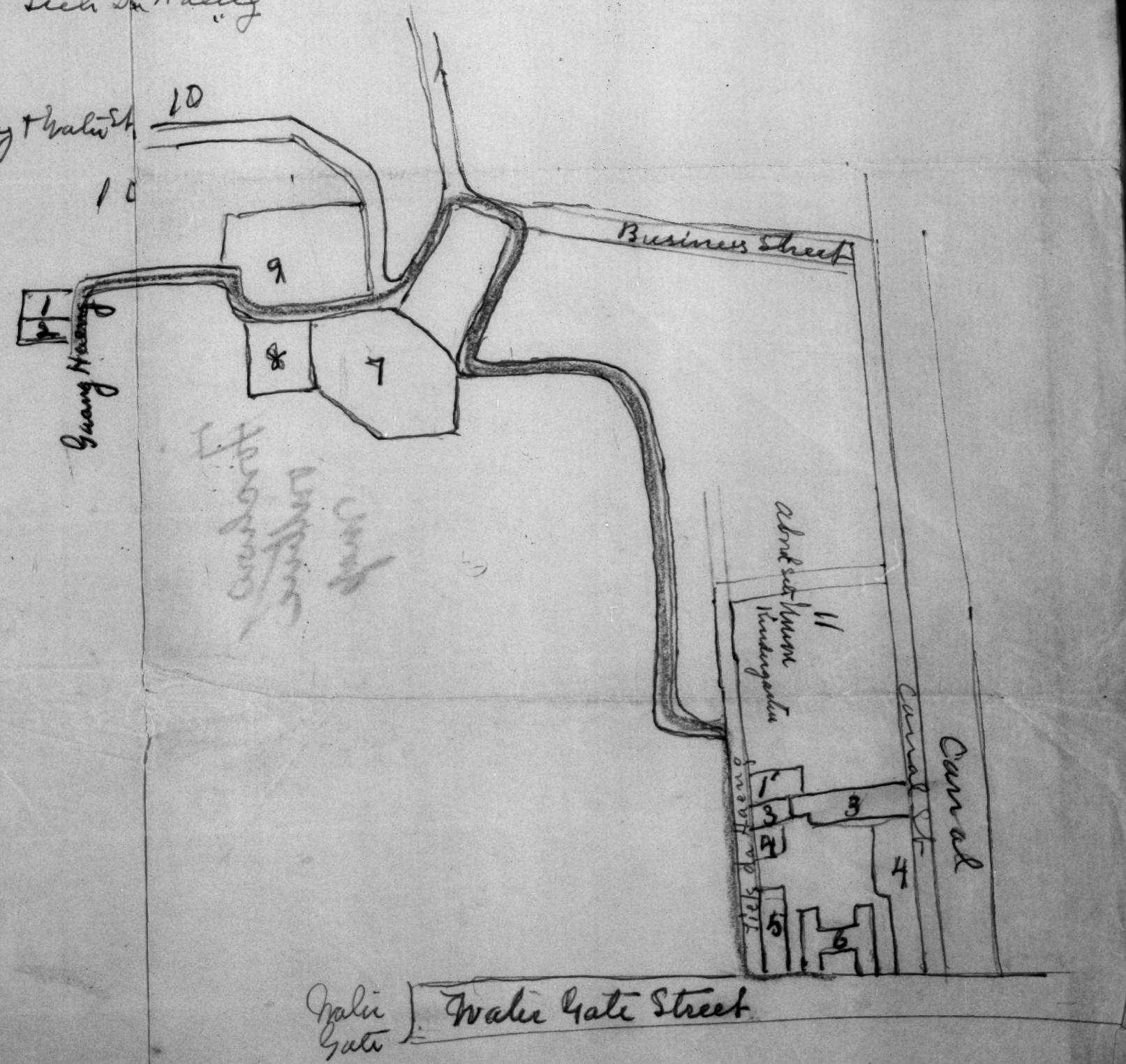

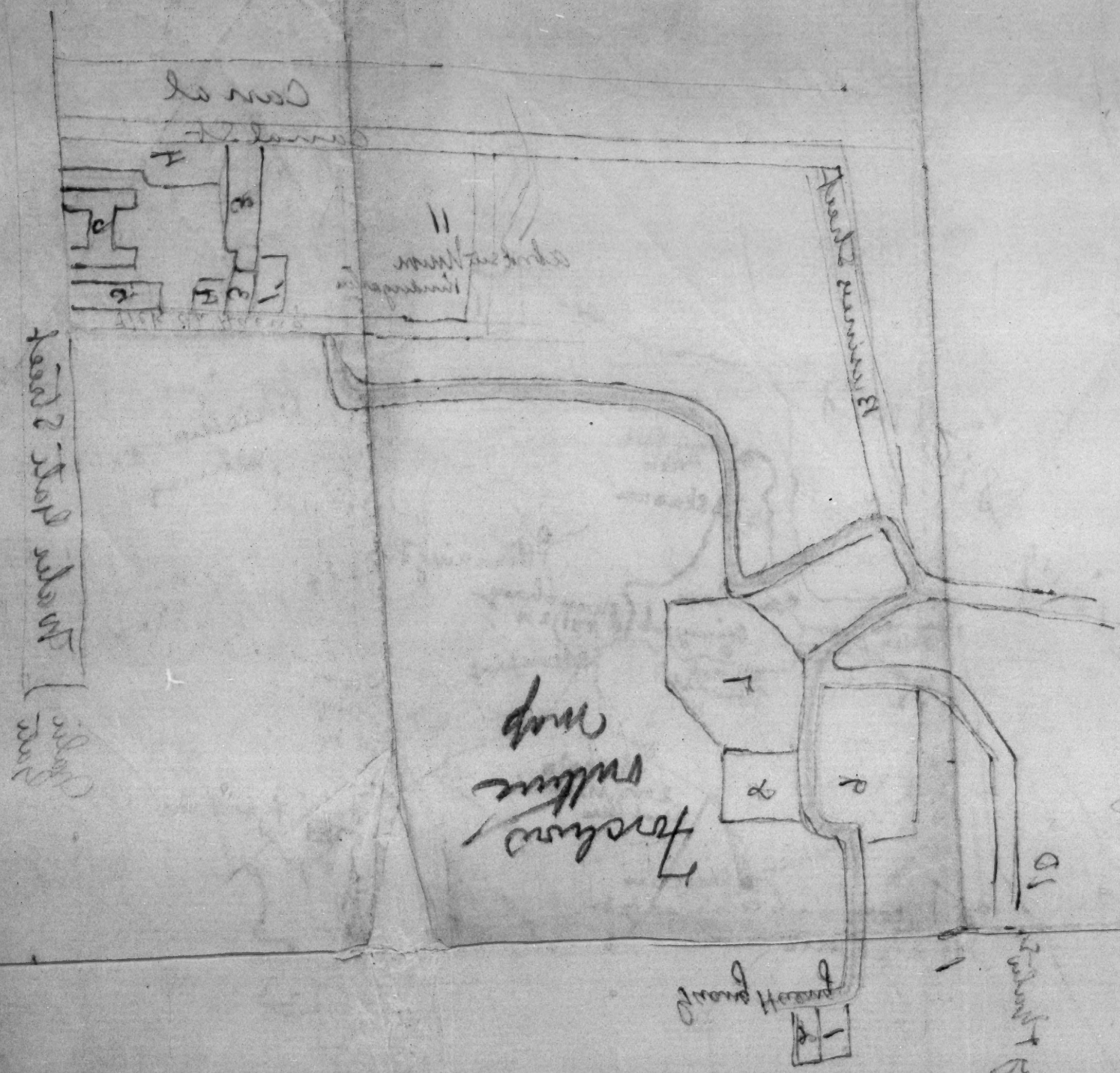
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Foochow Mission FOOCHOW CHINA

Foochow January 15 1918.

W.E.Strong Sect.
14 Beacon St.,
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr.Strong:

I am enclosing a letter of thanks from the Joint Finance Committee which distributes the General work Appropriation,signed by myself as English Secretary and Mr.Iek as Chinese Secretary. Needless to say it contains my personal word as well as that of the Committee.

We had a good meeing together and did some good work I feel. Of the $2200 extra we set off $700 for Shaowu which is a bit more than their proportion of the present appropriation. We all felt that they have not been getting as large a share as their work deserves and were glad to make this extra although all they asked was a proportional share.

The Committee is in a sort of transition state. It marks one of the stages from foriegn control to joint control. At present the whole appropriation gges into this committee in which the Chinese have the majority vote and is apportioned according to their will. We have been trying year by year to build up a more efficient organization along these financial lines. You know that all the general work (A.B.C.F.M.) payments for the Foochow Ponasang and Diongloh fields have been going through my office instead of through the foreigner who happened to be in charge of the field and work. I am more and more handing over the responsibility of this to my Chinese assistant,Mr.Iek who is doing good work. For the present year,I hand over to a bank account that he has control of,the apporpriation,making periodic payments so that at no time shall there be a large balance in his account. He signs the check and makes the payments and keeps the account of the same. He works here with me and I help him out with it but he is getting so that he is able to handle it very well. He is a man of about 40 so that it has been a bit slow work to learn bookkeeping. But he is a man that has the trust of the Chinese in financial affairs so is valuable on that account. The authority for the payments that he makes comes, in the case of preachers from the church treasurers,in the case of day school teachers from Mr.Newell who is in charge of that work. So you can see that we are aiming to build up in the Chinese church a rinancial organixation that will be able and competent to handle all their finaicial affairs and all that is necessary from the Mission Treasurer is to hand over the general work appropriation to this organization. It seems to go slowly at times and it seems as though the Chinese did.not want to accept the responsibility but in the three years that I have been here I can see a great deal of

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Our thoughts and prayers are with the Board in these closing days of its year, especially as the Prudential Committee and officers give themselves to the task of meeting the heavy financial burden that exchange and war conditions has put upon them.

Yours faithfully,

Howard S. Galpin

Corresponding Secretary pro.tem.

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Dr. W. E. Strong, Sec.,
14 Beacon St.,
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Rev. W. E. Strong,
Boston, Mass.

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Dear Mr. Strong:

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Exchange on these to be guaranteed $2 silver for $1 gold. Mr. Belcher to write the letter."

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Mission Allowance	100 "	
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Mr. St. Clair for language expenses:

Total Peking Expense	$ 210.Mex.	
Mission Allowance	90.	
	Deficit	$ 120. Mex.

Mrs. St. Clair for rent;

Total Peking expense (from Jan. 1, 1919	$120.mex.	
Mission allowance	50.	
	Deficit	$70. Mex.

Mrs. St. Clair for language study:

Total Peking expense (from Jan. 1, 1919)	$150. mex.	
Mission allowance	60.	
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Mrs. St. Clair for language study:
Total Peking expense (from Jan. 1, 1919) $150. mex.
Mission allowance 60.
Deficit $90. Mex.

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You can see that the appropriations asked for in the above Vote at the guaranteed exchange will just reimburse Mr. St. Clair for the extra amount of his expenses. The Board has already established this precedent in the case of the Shaowu Mission appointees who studied at Nanking and we hope they can see their way toward doing the same for Mr. St. Clair. We might call attention to the fact that the lapsed teachers' allowance every year is much more than enough to cover this amount so it does not really mean an increase in the appropriated expenses of the Board.

Mr. Leger is also studying there for part of the year. As we have not yet received his statement of probable expenses we are not able to send in a request on his account but may do so later.

Very sincerely,

Harold B Belcher

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Recording Secretary.

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Foochow November 19 1918.

Dr.W.E.Strong,
14 Beacon St.,
Boston,Mass.

Dear Dr.Strong:

I have just read in the Congregationalist the sad news of the death of Ellsworth and want to let you know that our thoughts and prayers and sympathy are with you and Mrs.Strong. And as your expression of sympathy meant much to us here at the time of father's death I hope that our expression will be of some help to you.

I am sorry that in my year of teaching at Dartmouth I did not come to know him better. I know how well he stood with the fellows and what a help he was to the work of the Christian Association there. He is one of quite a number of fine Dartmouth men who have gone in the war, men that the world can't afford to lose. Yet we who are going to receive the benefits in the years to come will realize more and more how much they have done for the world and how much we owe them. Expressions of appreciation of father have helped me in the times of sorrow and I know that you will have many for Ellsworth.

Dr.Barton's letter has cheered me up quite a lot for I have been feeling so much like a "slacker" out here when so many of my friends were going into the service. It is hard to sit on the old job and plug along but I know that the thought of those who have "gone ahead" is a great help and inspiration.

Mrs.Belcher joins me in the expression of our deep sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

Harold B Belcher

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AD-INTERIM COMMITTEE, May 8, 1918.

Meeting held at the home of Miss Hartwell.
Present:—Mrs. Christian, Misses Cook, Hartwell and Perkins, Messrs. Beard, Neff, Newell and Kinnear.
Minutes of the April 17 meeting were read and approved.
The Corresponding Secretary read a copy of his letter to the Foreign Department concerning appointment of Mr. St Clair.
The report of the Rent and Repair Committee concerning the division of the City Physician's Residence No. 1 into two-family house was received and put on file.
VOTED 52: That we approve of Miss Perkins serving on the Conference Committee of the Y.W.C.A.
VOTED 53: That we ask the Board to send to the Foochow Mission an ordained man to take the place left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Hodous.
Adjournment.

H. B. Belcher, Recording Sect.

AD-INTERIM COMMITTEE. May 22, 1918.

Meeting held at the residence of Mr. Belcher.
Present:—Misses Cook, Perkins, Hartwell, Mrs. Christian, Messrs. Beard Christian, Newell and Kinnear.
The minutes of the May 8, meeting were read and approved.
Boston correspondence of March 7,21 and April 5 was read.
VOTED 54: That we authorize the Treasurer to pay house rent for Miss Allen at the rate of $20 Mex. per quarter to the Treas. of the C.E.Z.M.S. for the period that she resides in their property.
VOTED 55: That we grant permission to Mr. and Mrs. Gardner to leave port during July and August for vacation in Japan.
VOTED 56: That we join with Dr. and Mrs. Whitney in asking for their furlough as soon as shall be found necessary.
VOTED 57: That we approve of Miss Perkins, Mrs. Christian and Mrs. Newell serving on the pre-organization Committee of the Y.W.C.A.
VOTED 58: That we grant permission to Mr. Newell to leave port June to go to Manila.
Adjournment.

H. B. Belcher, Recording Sect.

AD-INTERIM MEETING, June 20, 1918.

Meeting held at the home of Mr. Belcher.

Present:—Misses Cook, Perkins and Hartwell; Messrs. Beard, Christian and Kinnear.

Minutes of the May 22 meeting were read and approved.

Bost on correspondence of Apr. 18 was read.

VOTED 59: That permission be given to leave port for summer vacation to the following persons:

Mrs. Scott, Miss Cook,
Miss Ward, Miss Waddell,
Dr. Beard,

VOTED 60: That, in reply to the request of the U.K.T.S that Miss Allen act as principal for this term we grant such permission.

VOTED 61: That, on recommendation of the Languag Study Committee Dr. Dyer, having passed langu age examinations, be given a vote.

VOTED 62: That Mr. and Mrs. Topping be assigned t reside with Dr. and Mrs. Kinnear for languag study until Annual Meeting.

Adjournment.

(Altho a quorum was not present, by commo was decided to let these votes stand if approved by on of the absent members. Mrs. Christian gave approva and so the votes stand.

H. B. Belcher,

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AD-INTERIM COMMITTEE. Sept. 18, 1918.

Meeting held at the home of Mr. Belcher.

Present:—Misses Allen, Dyer, Perkins, Mrs. Christian and Messrs. Beard, Christian, Newell, Scott,

Mr. Scott was elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

VOTED 1: That the minutes of the Annual Mission Meeting, as compiled by the Recording Sec. of that meeting, be accepted with the addition of the Diongloh assignments which were ordered inserted when received from that station.

VOTED 2: To hold the regular meeting of the Committee on the second Wed. of each month after prayer meeting.

Adjournment.

H. B. Belcher, Recording Sect.

AD-INTERIM COMMITTEE. October 9 1918.

Meeting held at home of Mr. Belcher.

Present:—Misses Allen, Hartwell, Dyer and Cook: Messrs Beard, Newell Kinnear and Scott.

The minutes of the September 18 meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence as follows was read.

Rev. Price re. Nanking Conference on Church Union.

Rev. W.P.W. Williams, re. Union Medical School.

E. L. Ford re. Union University.

F.P. Beach re. Fukien Educational Association.

Boston letters.

VOTED 3: That Miss Thomas be assigned to reside at Ponasang for language study.

VOTED 4: That we approve of Mr. Beard serving on advisory committee for the Home Missions Movement of Independent Chinese Church.

VOTED 5: That, in view of the change in conditions of representation on Board of Managers of Fukien Christian University due to the incorporation, we appoint Dr. W.L. Beard and Dr. H.N.Kinnear as our representatives in place of those elected by vote 21 of Mission Meeting of July 1918.

VOTED 6. That we elect Miss Hartwell, Mrs. Christian and Mr. Beach as our representatives on a committee to consider Union Vocational School for Women.

VOTED 7: That we table the request of the Fukien Educational Association for the release of man from our Mission for Educational Secretary of the Province.

VOTED 8: That we circulate to the stations the letter of Dr. Price re. Nanking Conference on Church Union.

VOTED 9: That we approve of Mrs. Topping giving time in dispensary for 2 hours per day during vacation absence of Dr. and Mrs. Kinnear and that we recommend the same to the Station meeting.

Adjournment.

H. B. Belcher, Recording Sect.

AD-INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING, Nov. 13, 1918.

Regular monthly meeting held at the home of Mr. Belcher
Present:—Misses Allen, Cook, Hartwell, Dr. Dyer; Messrs. Beard, Christian, Newell and Scott.

Minutes of the Oct. 9th meeting were read and approved.

The following correspondence was read:

1. China Continuation Committee re. Survey.
2. N. F. R. T. S. re. Chinese Annual Meeting.
3. Union Language School Directors re. Language School.

VOTED 10: That we refer to the Committee on Missionary Preparation the matter of Language School fees.

VOTED 11: That on recommandation of the Diongloh Station the W. B. M. appropriation for Annual Meeting be used for the following purposes:

a. Travel expenses of Diong Geng delegates to and from the Annual Meeting.
b. Mrs. Hubbard be reimbursed for expenses incurred for teachers' meeting held in Diongloh Feb. 18.
c. Travel expenses of women delegates to the Diongloh quarterly meeting.

VOTED 12: That we refer to the No. Fukien Federation Committee the matter of a petition to the government against poppy planting.

VOTED 13: That we ask the American Board to make an appropriation to cover the extra rent and language study expenses for Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair while at the Peking Language School according to the following amounts:

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VOTED 14: That Miss Annie L. Kentfield be assigned to reside at Diongloh Station for the remainder of 1918 and 1919 for language study.

VOTED 15: That we refer the matter tabled in Vote 7 of the Oct. 9th meeting until the Annual Mission Meeting in 1919.

VOTED 16: That we request the W.B.M. to find and send to Foochow Mission, for a term of from two to five years, an English teacher for Foochow Girls' College, her salary to be paid from the school's Higher Educational Fund and her traveling expenses arranged by the W.B.M. on whatever terms they see fit. Arrangements similar to those made with Miss Adelaide Thomson would seem satisfactory.

Adjournment.

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Foochow Mission
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Dr. W.E. Strong, Sect.,
14 Beacon St.,
Boston.

Dear Dr. Strong:

I am sending you under seperate cover printed minutes of the Ad-Interim Committee meetings from May 8 to date. I beleive that you have already received the typewritten copy of these minutes so have had all the matters brought to your attention. My duty in this, as recording secretary, is merely to forward to the different Boards the printed copies for their permanent files.

I am also sending under seperate cover two pictures that may be of interest to you. The smaller one is of our City Station group that had Thanksgiving dinner together. I don't think that I need to indentify any except perhaps those in the front row, some of whom I think are strangers to you. From left to right they are, Mrs. Topping with Master George, Dwight and Marian Jean Newell, Marjorie Beard holding Miss Margaret Leger, Master Charles Francis Belcher, Kathleen Beard holding Miss Priscilla Belcher and Miss Edith Goertz. It is the first group, of even a station, that has been taken for some time. I hope that this coming summer at Kuliang we may be able to get a more complete Mission group.

The other group is that of some of the City compound people who were entertained at tea at General Li's yamen some three weeks ago. I am sure that others have written you of this very pleasant visit that we had. It originated in a request from two of us that we might bring our wives in to see the grounds and grew to an invitation to all the families here to take tea with the General and be personally conducted over the grounds by him. The picture shows General Li, who is also acting civil governor, in the center with his interpreter Mr. Yu standing behind. The others are all familiar.

The last few months it seems as though the attitude of General Li toward mission work and foreigners had changed quite a bit. Mr. Yu is a member of a Methodist church in Peking, having graduated from their school there. In Foochow he is taking an interest in the Y.M.C.A. and though we have no Mandarin church here, he is in a Mandarin Bible class conducted by one of the English Mission. He seems very anxious to become better acquainted with the missionaries and we are trying to cultivate him. The General has taken a very active part in the celebration of the signing of the armistice and besides giving a reception at the yamen to the Allied men of the community also gave a big celebration to both Chinese and foreigners at the South Public Park on November 30.

TBut the capping of the climax came on Sunday the 1st when we went over to the Methodist church to hear Bishop Welsh give

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the conference sermon. We found that General Li had been invited and was sitting on the platform with the Bishop. When asked to speak a few words he gave us an almost-sermon of about half an hour. He said that one of the reasons of our gathering was to thank God (he used the Mandarin expression Shanti) for peace. Then he went on to tell of the sorrow and suffering that war caused and how it was God's power that brought it to an end. Then to finish he asked all to pray that peace would come to China,and not only China but to the province of Fukien. You could almost hear the people gasp to hear this from General Li,who previously had no special interest in Mission work and even kept his military men from joining the Y.M.C.A. Bishop Welsh,in answer, was very good and told him that not only would we pray for peace in Fukien but we would pray that God would guide him,General Li,as he managed the affairs of the province.

Some people may ascribe it to the General's desire to "make face" with the foreigners and say that there was no sincerity to it. I don't feel that way. I think that God is beginning to work in his heart and will continue to do so,perhaps even more than he thought when he asked us to rpay for peace in Fukien. We hope that we will be able to take the best opportunity of his new attitude toward Christian work and make it count in our work. Tomorrow he unveils a statue at the Y.M.C.A. in memory of a Chinese who gave a large sum toward the land purchase for their new building.

Schools and churches are making plans for Christmas celebration. We are trying to get them to emphasize the idea of giving to others instead of spending on themselves. Perhaps there may be more to report on the success of this later.

We are having somewhat of an influenze epidemic here, not as severe as it must have been in America,and I trust that it is all that we will have. One of our young progressive pastors passed away last week from pneumonia following influenza. It is a hard blow when our workers are so few anyway. We hope that others will feel their responsibility to fill in these places left vacant.

These must be great days at home now. War over and all thought and attention to reconstruction and the conservation of the spirit of sacrifice and giving that the war has brought out. They are great days here too and we are glad to be here in them and to be able to take some little part.

Mrs.Belcher joins me in cordial greetings,

Yours sincerely

Harold B Belcher

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Dec. 17, 1919.

Rev. W. E. Strong, Secy.,
14 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Strong:

On March 3rd I sent you a draft for $425., being an incomplete payment of the Thank-Offering proceeds of our Foochow and Shaowu Christians for work in Turkey. Some of the payments have been delayed but I think every possible thing is in at present and so I enclose draft payable to Mr. Wiggin for $15.81, which closes this account.

We send it with our prayers that it may help a little in the tremendous work of reconstruction in Turkey and laying plans for a greater campaign there for the kingdom of God.

Yours very sincerely,

Harold B Belcher

Encl. $15.81.

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Foochow, China Sept. 15 1919.

W.E. Strong, Sect.,
14 Beacon St.,
Boston.

Dear Dr. Strong:

I am enclosing the Foochow Mission estimates for the year 1920. The Mission Meeting left the final drafting of the estimates to a special committee and I had thought that they would edit them and send them to you. This committee however handed their draft to me and asked me to prepare it in the usual form and send to you. I had rather expected to be releived of this piece of work this year but didn't succeed. As I was not present at the meeting of the Committee on Estimates I am unable to offer any comments or explanations concerning the figures submitted. I understand that cases of special urgency or special notice would have a special letter written and that this was taken care of in the votes of the Mission Meeting.

The figures for salary was wholly worked out by myself as they thought I had the information at hand to prepare the same. You will notice that I have included the estimate for the salary of Dr. Li, our representative on the faculty of the Medical School, at $900 gold equivalent to $1800. silver. I have also included estimate for the salary of Dr. Cooper as we are asking for his return, though the Board has not yet definitely stated that he will be returned to our Mission here. In the W.B.M.I. list I have included Miss Wiley as I uderstand that she comes out under that Board. No further information has yet come to hand concerning Mr. & Mrs.

Tsochow, China Sept. 18 1919.

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We rejoice with you and congratulate you on the news in the recent cable message to Dr.Patton that the Board came through without a deficit. It is a great reason for thankfulness.

Yours sincerely,

Harold B. Belcher

Encl. Mission Treas.

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FOOCHOW CHINA

Aug. 29, 1919.

Rev. W. E. Strong,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Strong:

Among the votes of the Mission Meeting you will find one relative to the Belcher family and a furlough to begin next spring-a year before the regular time. Dr. Kinnear, I believe, is to write a special letter on the matter, yet I feel some explanations are due from me.

The Y.M.C.A. tell their men that to be sent home by doctors' advice is a disgrace and I feel that they are right. I certainly do feel keenly that I am not in shape to give the Board the seven years' work on the first term which was my purpose when I came out. A fellow of 28 has no business to be sent home in this way.

I had to get this off my chest the first thing tho you are probably wondering what is the matter with me. Indigestion started in two years ago in a small way and I paid very little attention to it except to take medicine when attacks came. This last year they have been coming oftener and heavier. In order to keep free from them I have got to lighten up my work rather drastically and even then it would only keep things from getting serious and not straighten out the root of the trouble. Lightening up work is harder for me to do than to take on work and anyway there is no use in keeping a man on who can work at half efficiency so I have finally taken the doctors point of view and asked for the furlough.

As I said above, I feel it is a disgrace and yet there have been factors in the nature of my work, other than my own indiscretion in going into work too heavy, that have helped to make the situation. I have had since my first summer, 1915, practically no vacation. In 1917, eighteen days on a trip to Shaowu with Mr. Goddard gave a bit of a change. Kuliang is full of accounts, Mission Meeting and conferences with out station people on financial affairs. I have taken on several pieces of outside work in organizations in which our Mission was represented, such as Treas. of Union Normal, Treas. of Fukien Missionary Dental Service, Sec.-Treas. of Kuliang Council. Our Mission should give someone's time and as the work was in my line and in which I was interested I didn't turn it down. If I had I might have saved the pressure on myself but passed it perhaps to another. It has been a source of constant irritation to me here that a man can't do the same amount of work in this climate that he can at home. I have tried to recognize this but it goes against my conscience and my desire to help in the undermanned work.

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r. Strong: Aug. 29, 1919.

I believe, and the Doctors back me up, that with rest and hange and dietary care under a doctor at home I will soon get traightened out and back in time for any work the Board has for e. If the furlough is granted, the plan is to return in the spring ith mother and spend the summer in rest. My time after that I hould like to divide between practical work in an accounting ffice of some sort and a term of study in Business Administration chool. I feel from my experience that the line of Business Agent ork is my fit place rather than teaching and want to make myself etterprepared for it. I mention these ideas in case there may e opportunity to plan anything before my return.

The work here will be well taken care of by Mr. St. Clair ho has had practical experience in the Associated Mission Treasurers' ffice and in the charge of the books at the Shanghai American School. am certainly glad that the Board appointed him for he can take ver the work far easier than any other man in the Mission.

I fear I have covered too much paper on this matter and et want to take this opportunity to give you my thoughts in the atter.

Mother arrived here last week safely and we are having a good ime showing her about and introducing her to China.

Very sincerely,

Harold B. Belcher

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Foochow

Aug. 24, 1919.

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Foochow, China May 3 1919

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14 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Strong:

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Mr. Wiant, one of the Methodist men on the Bureau has just informed me of the possibility of a man for this place. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vogel, both of them architects and formerly connected with the Omi Mission (Methodist, I bekeive) of Japan are now in Seattle on Y. M. C. A. work but would like to return to the Mission field in the East as a worker for some Board. His recommendation is good and we are writing to the Omi Mission for word of his work. This is a matter which has just come to my attnetion and so has not been before the Ad-Interim Committee. It will come up at the meeting two weeks hence and I am sure will receive favorable action. I want however to send on this informal foreword for your thought and consideration and hope that when the Mission vote reaches you, you will be prepared to present the marter favorably to the Committee.

The question of proper building will be important to the Mission in the near future if the new drive will bring anything to the Foochow Mission. If not we still have construction work enough to make is nighly desirable that we look to proper construction. The present men on the Consvruction Bureau staff has demonstrated their fitness in the work alreadg done for the Methodisr Mission and the Union University. It is certaunly worth while to make every effort to have our Mission enter the Bureau and provide the man for its staff which is our necessary share.

Yours very sincerely,
Harold B. Rehlin

Yours hurriedly writing this away from home on a strange machine
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Forward

May 3 1919

Now finally sending this among some some other matters

Harold Tatlock

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Foochow Mission
FOOCHOW CHINA

April 28, 1919.

Rev. W. E. Strong,
14 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Strong:

The mission library has, since its beginning in Jan. 1917, grown to be quite an institution. It was at that time we first began our collection of books on China for the use of the mission, especially those engaged in missionary preparation, with a grant from the Board of $100 gold from the unused personal teacher appropriation. With this $100 gold we have bought 38 new books. We have 3 years' subscription to a monthly magazine and 1 year each to two quarterly magazines. We are keeping on file yearly reports for 6 organizations; 5 books belonging to Foochow College Library but especially connected with Chinese literature have been transferred and we have bound 6 volumes and purchased two sections of a bookcase to house the library. At the present time our money is exhausted and there are several recent important books that the Committee on Missionary Preparation feel we should have and there are the periodicals to which we should renew our subscription.

The Ad-Interim Committee in its meeting of March 12 passed Vote 55 asking the Prudential Committee to let us use $100 from the 1919 unused teachers' allowance for this work of continuing and enlarging the library. I thought it well at this time to send this brief accounting of what we had done and let you know of the important place in the work of missionary training the library is doing so when the matter comes before the Prudential Committee you can explain our present need. I hope the Committee will see its way clear to meet our request especially considering the fact that it does not entail additional expenditure but is met out of the regular appropriated funds. We are planning shortly to have an index of the library printed on the multigraph for the members of the Mission and I would be glad at that time to send you a copy of the same.

In the Ad-Interim meeting of April 9, Vote 64, requested me to write and explain the reason for our request to the Board for permission to sell the land in question. The property consists of two small plots, one of them about 12' X 30' with an additional wooden structure on it, and the other plot about 6' X 20' with no building on it. These pieces of land were purchased outside of the old entrance to the Ponasang compound in order to provide a wider passageway than the one previously there and for many years served this

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Rev. W. E. Strong:

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Very sincerely,

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FOOCHOW CHINA

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As an incomplete result of this offering, I am enclosing an order on Mr. Wiggin for $425 gold. Of this, it is to be noted that $168 gold is from the Shaowu Mission, $84 of which is specially designated to go to the W. B. M. I. toward their share of the Turkey work. The balance of $257 is from the Ingtai, Diongloh and Foochow centers to be used for any form of relief or advance work in Turkey which the Board sees fit.

Some of the pledges are not yet paid in and there are some churches yet to be heard from but the greater amount has already come and rather than delay matters too long, I am sending this at the present time. I hope perhaps later we can add a small amount to this. It has been given by foreign individuals, by Chinese individuals, by churches, by day schools and part of it represents the proceeds of the Foochow College Christmas bazaar. We know that such a small amount will not go very far in the tremendous program which the American Board has laid out but we do feel it has been of inestimable value in bringing the Chinese to a plan of giving for Christian brethren in remote lands. It has opened up a new vista in their minds, and hearts and also in their pocketbooks.

With cordial greetings,

Sincerely,

Harold B. Belcher

Mission Treasurer.

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Mission Treasurer.

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Mar. 3, 1919

Schools and other

REC'D APR 20 1910

Shaowu China
March 10, 1910,

Rev, Enoch Bell,
Boston, Mass,

Dear Mr Bell;

Thank you for your good letter just received,

Our schools have begun well and every seat has two occupants in the girls school, some have three but they are too crowded;

Every term the same problem is present for me to try to solve. namely how to spend four or five hours daily in the school and at the same time to spend four or five weeks out in the field encouraging the girls who have left school and are in charge of village day schools or little Bible classes for women,

I have recently been out visiting the homes of the pupils and of the thirty little churches in our Shaowu Station I missed only five, These five Miss Funk visited, besides those she visited with me during vacation, I was away from home fifty-five days. On our trip of seventeen days I held thirty four

Personal matters

Shanghai, China
March 10, 1910.

Dear Sweet Doll:

Dorchester, Mass.

Dear My Doll:

Thank you for your good letter received.

Our baby has been well and very
of her two company in the park school. Have
have this bad thing are crowded!

Very few the same problem in present
are not to try to prove. Named how to spend
have or like have daily in the school
and for the same time to spend your
or five weeks out in the field preaching
the girls who have left school and are
in charge of villages they go back or
little girls classes for women

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public services, all of which were well attended tho' some had only a few minutes notice given before the beginning of the meetings. More and more the people are asking to be taught and to be told the "old, old Story." Whenever I could I had a Chinese preacher do a good share of the preaching. The meetings in which I spoke first and a Chinese preacher afterward were the most satisfactory. But often I was the only speaker, I am pleased to see how many who hear the Gospel go straightway and tell others. I am afraid I am a little disappointed because every one who has ever heard is not busy all of the time telling others. As I remember however, it was not so in America but of course we want our Chinese Christians to far surpass the Christians in America, in that line, to be examples to them. I find them examples in so many particulars.

In my visits throughout the country

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instances.

In my visits I have to visit the converts

I find every where evidences of an eager desire to learn. In one home the only decorations on any of the dark walls was a small red paper with a prayer written there on which I had given on my last visit. The busy mother had learned it but lest she forget she had it pasted on the wall out of reach of the little children. I was pleased that the daughter in law who had been in school but one term had taught her mother in law this prayer and a little from the Bible besides. They both seemed much happier than before they had even that little of the Gospel.

We are told that not what we take up but what we give up makes us rich. Then I find many rich among the Chinese. Many men could make a good living doing business, but they have not enough for their families to eat because they are willing to be preachers of the Gospel. They are in much the same position as some of our home missionaries out on the frontier at home only much worse off in ways of grumbling. I trust that

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Find from other witnesses, on long closing
I learn I do not have the only observations
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she had it started on the week only reason
I the little children. I was pleased that the
daughter in law who had been in school but
no time had taught her mother in law
this prayer and a little from the Bible
besides, they both learned much together than
after they had been that little people,
We are told that not what we [illegible] but what
[illegible] with, then I find many
[illegible] the children. They were sorrel
ah so good living during business but they then
not belong to for their families to be. Because
they are willing to be teachers of the Lord,
they are in needed the same position as
the town have missionaries out on the
mission of there only small were off in work.

but they seem happy in giving up and they are growing rich I believe in character.

I am pleased with the sacrifice that the fathers are willing to make in order that their daughters may have an education

There are some fathers at home who would regard it as quite an undertaking to make a twenty days journey on foot each year in order to get his daughter to and from school for the two terms. Such journeys amount up to over one thousand days and all on foot just for one year at this one school, and the father generally carries his daughter's trunk and bed as he accompanies her to school.

Imagine all of the girls walking one, two, three, four or five days journey to any one of our home colleges and the father of each one accompanying her and carrying her trunk on his back, perhaps five days journey and this to be repeated to and from school twice each year, This year it has been especially hard for we have been having heavy rains. But I have not heard one word of grumbling. I trust that

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growing and this to be regarded to and
in school school three such years this year it
seem especially hard for we have been
having many years that I have not been
in work of commencing, I trust that

I may learn to be as patient from these our Chinese friends.

Miss Walker is away now having a little school for the women in the lower part of the field, Mrs. Bennet, has just returned from the two churches in the upper part of the field, Thus we have this year accomplished what I have always desired, namely that one should be out touring the field all of the time

Mr and Mrs Kellogg are working hard at the language I believe, Wm Kellogg has taken charge of the South Gate Church, Sunday School, being assisted by a young man from the Boys Boarding School who speaks some English,

Dr. Walker helps every where and is always busy, so are the others of the station,

Cordially

Frances J. Bennet,

May seem to be a patient given little or Chinese friends.

This Mother is sorry you having a relapse for the moment in the Sunny part of the field. Mr. Bennett has just returned from the two churches in the Upper Sandwich Islands. Churches have this year reorganized with about 300 among declared, received that are ready to be out turning the field all quite well.

Mr and Mrs Atherton are working hard at the Native Church. Mr Atherton has taken charge of the Sub Native Church, thinking he should bring a young man from Mr Atherton Boarding School with the same object.

Mr Mother helps very where and is always busy. So are the other girls helping.

Cordially

Thomas Bennett

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Rec'd MAR 25 1911

Shaowu, China,
Feb. 9, 1911,

Dear Doctor Barton:—

It has been a long time since I wrote you, My last letter to you was answered by Mr Bell calling me a man and speaking so indefinitely as to make me quite unknown while at the same time it said that Miss Funk had the Girls school well in hand. Needless to say she had the laugh on me for some time. She being so well known and only just studying the language, while I had been here ten years and my work and myself quite unknown, That is all over now however,

Did you hear how Shaowu rejected the cigarette?

It was in August when the missionaries had fled to the hills for a little while, Two men came in a small boat and were soon spied by two of the

school boys. They asked the strangers from what land they came but received no reply and one of the strangers told the other to have nothing to do with those boys for they were from mission schools and would not help them any in their business.

That seemed to be the truth for when the men started with their cigarettes giving them away freely up and down the streets the boys, the Christians, and those who trusted the judgment of the Christians followed close by telling everyone to throw the gifts away for they were no good. The cigarettes were torn up and thrown on the ground at once and the men soon left disgusted, they had put up their signs — heathen signs from Christian lands but that is all that is left of their visit and still the cigarette is very very rarely seen in Shoom. When the men were only a little way down the river in their boat they were wrecked by the rocks and this time

we do not complain of the rocks for they put the cigarettes all in the bottom of the river.

I had feared when I heard that the cigarette firms planned to make every man, woman and child in China a cigarette smoker by first giving them away and forming the habit but God is in His heaven and He still "hears prayers."

It is interesting to see the new form of government being adopted in all the towns and villages. No opium smoker, no gambler, no manager of theaters can vote or hold office and no pauper. So that in nearly all of the towns where there are Christians, the Christians are the town officers. And Christianity is day by day increasing in favor.

The District magistrate of Shaoxin called some time ago and asked to see our flowers. We heard afterward that he had asked who in Shaoxin

had the most beautiful flowers and had been told that we had so he came to get slips and plants for his farm. We gave him some two hundred plants and he went off happy.

The preachers from most of the country churches come also to get a few plants and little by little the field is blossoming as the rose.

We have many things to encourage us, I visited a village only three miles from here Monday and the old women seventy years old told how the girls had taught them to pray and to read a little.

Every family wanted me to stop and visit a while with them. No matter how poor they were every one had gifts ~~to make~~ for me until I felt quite ashamed.

The Sunday Services at that village are conducted by one of the Christians who gives not only much of his time but much money for christian education and evangelistic

work in his own and other villages, He is a real father to the fatherless and plans for and loves them all,

Our Sunday School continues to bring courage and hope, The people do want to learn, I hear the old women seventy years old repeat sentence by sentence of the prayer after the preacher and I know they will learn, They are just as earnest in studying the Bible and it is a fine opportunity for the girls of the Boarding school, they teach with their might,

I have never asked for a teacher for any of the twenty five classes during the past four years and been refused, Some one is always ready to do her best,

The oldest women insist that they learn better when I have a choice verse printed on the back of a Sunday School card so not only the little ones but the very old

ones like a bright little picture and I don't blame them they have had very few bright things in their lives, I wonder why I have so many and they have so very very few,

But I am glad to see Christmas coming to mean more and more to our friends here, They have the churches all decorated and some really helpful services and then in most places they have a happy harmless feast and I am rather glad for the heathen have so many feasts and holidays, I am glad to see the christians have some good times, And just think we are going to have an Easter Concert, this year by pupils from the Boarding Schools, They sing much better than they did ten years ago, I have just been over to the Morning services at the Hospital for Women, Tens of thousands of people hear the

Gospel at these services during the year. It is just at the North Gate you remember on the main street for people coming in to the city from the next province and from all the North country. Eye patients, especially, come from long distances from the North. The Bible woman, graduates from the Girls Boarding School and sometimes the Pastor from the East Gate find wonderful opportunities for preaching to the patients and to those who come to see. There were sixteen thousand patients old and new treated in the dispensary last year and sixty patients received into the hospital.

Mr and Mrs Peet and son and Mr Christian have just made us a visit. Miss Walker and Miss Funk are in the lower part of the field for a Bible conference. The ladies of the station

still continue to make long tours, We were out in the field something over six months during the year just passed, It is work that is appreciated. I wish you were here to help dedicate our fine new church at Na Keo on Sunday, Pastor Kow and his people have done nobly, One man gave a year's salary and others gave gladly and freely, May it be a great blessing to many,

I am to go for a Bible conference to Kian Feu as soon as Miss Funk returns to take care of the Girls School, We try to be away in turns, As one must always be here with the School,

You have no doubt heard of Mr Storrs serious illness, He is better.

You will be interested in our new American Board Missionary Katherine Cynthia Kellogg, born Feb. 7th All are well.

Feb, 10, th

I am all ready to go for a visit to one of Sister's branch dispensaries. She has three at present which she visits regularly, We visited the one three day's journey away, together last month, one is only a day's journey away and one is only five miles away, There are always crowds glad to see the Doctor,

Our girls are going out from the boarding School and making fine teachers in these distant places, yes the work surely pays, It is well worth while,

I am sending you a picture of our two main buildings of the compound,

We are rejoicing in the thought of having our Theological Class this year again, God is good to us, and the work is promising

Pray for us,

Yours for the work,

Frances K Bement,

Frances N. Bennett

Shoonu Feb. 9-1911

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Shaowu China
April 24th 1911

Dear Doctor Barton;—

I am not really in Shaowu, fully five days journey ~~away~~ at Li Sen; and it is eleven P.M. and our meeting is just over and some personal talks are still taking place, ~~so~~ It is all so interesting; To see forty men and as many women between the ages of twenty five and seventy all studying the Bible; for this is a Bible conference, some are just learning to read their first verse; some can read a little more, and some are learning the meaning of ~~some of~~ the simple truths of the Gospel which is daily

changing men and women ~~always~~ for good.

It is wonderful what a little will do. No missionary has been here since my last visit a year and a half ago; and the intervals are sometimes much longer between our visits. In fact this church has never had but one visit from ~~one~~ any man of the station throughout its history. Can't you send us another man? And have him bring a wife with him?

This church has had no preacher for about two years. We trust there will be one for it before very long. We thank you for the funds for the theological class, they ought to help fill such churches as this one.

It is hot, I think it almost too hot to speak or even to sit and

listen but these men and women have walked here gladly and they seem to feel paid for coming. They have just made a generous contribution for helpin paying the salary of the Pastor ~~in~~ the church at Kien Neng; when people can do that ~~and~~ still go on without a preachers because there were not enough to go around I think they are a step beyond "rice Christians," don't you? One man walked three hundred li or one hundred English miles to be present at these meetings; another has walked one hundred and ten miles, and he has attended two conferences; he does not think it too far. Now, I would walk twenty

miles to hear President King or Professor Bosworth but I don't know that I would walk one hundred miles if it were hot.

One old woman walked five miles and unwilling to come without a gift of love she brought four fresh eggs in her pocket for she wanted me to eat with her and as that was impossible this was the next thing. I feel most unworthy of these gifts they have so little and I wish I could visit the home of every Christian in this great field. But I have been away from home sixty days recently and have not visited all of our thirty odd churches and only a few of the homes; but Miss Funk has visited the three churches that I have missed, and a

number that I have visited, The chair bearers are much interested to see how many people urge us to spend the day and night with them. They say "She knows every one along every road, throughout all these countries and has pupils everywhere." "It would take her at least three years to make the visits that they urge."

Our work cannot be called monotonous; we help decorate the churches, you remember the red paper mottoes on all the timbers in the houses. The Chinese "live not by bread alone but largely by catchwords." And I like to see new paper and new mottoes when the old ones get passed being able to be read, and faded and torn

And here too a little new paper and a little paint "makes a sinner into a saint", I might add a little white wash also sometimes helps, Why don't they do it themselves? When I have too little to eat and to wear and am not well I don't think much of looks do you? These people are poor! I have cooked on the kitchen stove in hundreds of these humble homes and my dinner tho' simple costs as much as the whole family use for perhaps three days for their food. They surely have very little of this worlds goods.

May 20th

Your good letter came today I am glad that you liked the pictures. I here with send you a few others.

Yes we too think that the school is of the utmost importance

in spite of all the other interesting work.

If all of the students from the Moody Bible Institute are as good as Miss Funk is send us another one!

Miss Walker is getting along finely with her new building — the Woman's Bible School, & will be ready for the Fall term I am sure.

We had thirteen bushels of strawberries from our garden the passed two months. Shawnee is no longer an unlivable place.

You may remember that Mr Gardner left because he could not get sufficient milk. We were without milk for three months this winter, then

The graduating class for this year is a fine one, I trust they may make as good teachers as our present staff in the Boarding School. I thank God for the graduates and the work they are doing every day.

Today in my class in Hygiene which consists of the whole school we tested the lung capacity of the different girls with a gallon bottle filled with water and inverted over a pail. Some were proud to see that they could displace nearly the whole gallon of water.

I trust the experiment may have a permanent good influence upon the girls.

The Bible continues to be studied with the greatest interest

I bought a cow and a calf and to keep the calf from dying when we ate the milk instead of letting it have its own food we gave the calf two eggs a day. It has been of sufficient success that the Chinese milkman is following the plan so we may here after have abundance of milk. It seems strange to home friends that the calves here die when their milk is taken from them and then that the cows will not give any milk after the calves die. But what do you care about all this.

Enough,

We are all well and happy.

Pray for us,

Sincerely

Frances K Bement

Franklin N. Bennett

Thomas, Okla. May 20, 1911.

Dear Sir:

Your letter received and I will answer it. Yes, I have children living with me. I have children living with me that I have to feed and clothe. I have to feed them and clothe them. I have to feed them and clothe them. I have to feed them and clothe them

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19 S. LA SALLE STREET, CHICAGO, Sept. 7, 1912.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
#14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton:-

Have you heard of the one hundred and twenty-five (125) college young men reported to be under contract for three years to introduce cigarettes into every town and city in China, sent out by the Tobacco Trust, I understand. Can we do anything to inform the Chinese, so that they may take measures of prevention, perhaps deporting them? The Chinese are holding mass meetings now against the cigarette trade. Will you do anything that you think best?

Sincerely yours,

Frances K. Bennett,
W B M D
180 Dearborn St-

Chicago.

Sept. 7, 1912

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Osage, Iowa,
Oct. 14th 1912.

Rev. James L. Barton D.D. LL.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Doctor Barton: —

Last week we received a letter from Mr. Kellogg of Shaowu asking if we would be in Shaowu in January to open school. He wanted to arrange about teachers, as we have been sharing the teachers in the two schools.

What word have you from Foochow?

What is your thought about our returning in December?

Yours sincerely

Frances K. Bennett,
Independence, Iowa
until
Oct. 28th
afterward
care W. B. M. I.,
Chicago 180 N. Dearborn St.

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Shaowu China
Nov, 1913.

Dear Doctor Barton: —

I have not written you
reaching China in February. But we
had any thing but a monotonous life,
ool opened the day we arrived, not
us time to get homesick, had we
thought of such a thing,
ere are one hundred and two girls
led in the Boarding school for the
of 1913,
of the eight who graduated in June,
ut with a former graduate to enter
omen's Union Medical College at Peking,
ave been doing some home missionary
in their own home village among
ountains.
others are teaching in the City of Shaowu
ur day schools, Boarding School and
ngarten and they manage to get in
le post graduate study between times,
ke to have them keep up their study

We have forty interesting little folks

in our Kindergarten and we are all learning together, I believe I am learning most of all, I find it intensely interesting, I believe the girls who teach for a time in this department will make the best mothers and home makers. I wish I could give every girl in school a short course of training.

It hardly seems fifteen years ago since we came to China and found three girls to begin the Girls School with, Miss Newton said, to encourage us, that perhaps in fifteen years we might have a school of twenty girls.

We little thought that in eight years our school would compare so well, with the one she had worked in so long. But as one of the girls in the school wrote, "Shaoren was just ready for the school," I trust that our Woman's Bible School may grow accordingly.

You remember our little garden, Don't you think sister with her great success risks something to turn over the head-gardner ship to me? I hoe for exercise and find it beneficial.

We have been having a hard problem with the milk question, I believe one missionary left Shaowu in the early days because he could not get milk. One could write a book on the subject, In the spring for a time I had to divide six quarts of milk among those who most needed it of seventeen thousand people. It was pitiful to hear the parents beg for "just three ounces to save the life of a sick child". Many of the cows in Shaowu died. I don't know why ours did not, even with the care we tried to take.

This summer Mr. Bliss also followed our example and has his own cows, And now Mr. Kellogg has gone to North China for an American cow, may it be a success.

I am just now off on one of those delightful trips which you remember once taking in Shaowu. As you know such trips generally make one oppressed and sad or radiantly happy. They have the latter effect upon me, in spite of all the poverty and misery mostly caused by ignorance, I am always happy to see the world

of human souls, 4

I shall visit nine churches in the two weeks and at every place I see some who have the great desire to help others, who are slaves to become free,

For instance here at "Increasing Happiness" Sciong Loh are two of our girls, Beautiful Pearl a graduate and Pearl of the Truth, who nearly graduated, teaching a fine school of forty interesting little girls, The faces of these two girls fairly beam as they see the women and girls whom they are teaching catch the light and come to understand the way of Life.

And all about there are hundreds who are just as precious, not all as gifted perhaps but all as capable of being filled with the Spirit of God, and yet how low they seem. But they were each one meant to be a temple of the Holy Spirit, I cannot but rejoice when I see how noble souls become when they are just helped a little by unworthy ones such as we are and God does all the rest,

The Father in this home the preacher here for twelve years is one of ten thousand, respected by every one generous to a fault

willing to live on a mere pittance (something over one dollar a month for each one of his family) when he might become rich if he went into business.

And of these I have seen many and I thank God for them all.

Can it be that in America there are still those who are ignorant and narrow enough to question "Does it all pay?" If there be such I pity them.

Strange how little things please us. Just to see Golden Lily who was in school only three months and to hear her and those in her family whom she has taught to pray and to hear her little three year old daughter say "Thank God for my good supper" makes me glad, Glad that no one is too ignorant to learn and to help.

Thus all along the way I find much for which to Thank God, for all He is doing for His children every where.

The path itself is as you know one that Wordsworth would have long praised. Could he have seen, of the never ending mountains and the laughing waters, I would like to have had Long fellow describe.

I can't take your time to tell of all these interesting places.

Others will tell the rest, The touring this Fall however seems to be left to the women of the Station, but we enjoy it and are used to it, And only wish we could do more of it.

Dr. and Miss Walker talk of coming home this winter, Doctor Walker is a benediction to Shaowu, It has been worth much to have been associated with him in the work for fifteen years, We hope he may return to us for many years to come.

With all best wishes for a good New Year. with deep gratitude for being allowed to work in Shaowu

I am Yours sincerely

Frances K. Burnet,

Sister has the stakes in for her new Hospital Building. All the station are well but little Katherine Kellogg.

F.K.B.

Francis N. Bement

Shawnee Nov - 1913

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Rome. Italy.
March 6th 1912.

James L. Barton D.D.
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.
Boston Mass.

Dear Doctor Barton:-
Miss Funk, my sister and I arrived here on Sunday.
Miss Funk is anxious to reach home - but my sister and I feel that it would be most profitable for us

care Thos Cook & Son.
No 2. Frammunsterstraat
Stadhouder Plat

P.S.

Jess saw the Tenn
S. I Saty this
afternoon
L. P. B.

to spend three or four months of our furlough in Europe for rest and study. We are therefore writing you for permission to do so.

and to ask if it can be arranged to allow us here the ordinary allowance for living expenses of those on furlough.

Sincerely
Lucy P. Bement.

address
Zurich Switzerland
care Thos Cook & Son.
No 2. Frauenmunsterstrasse
Stadthaus Plat

Lucy P. Bement

Rome - Italy - Mar. 6 - 1912

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West Dover, Ohio.
Oct 7th, 1912.

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.
Boston,
Mass.

Dear Doctor Barton:—
We would be glad to know your thought in regard to our return to Shansi, China.
Very truly
Lucy T. Bement.

allow - mar. 10/19/12

Lucy P. Bement

N. Dover. O. Oct. 7. 1912

Lucy H. Bement 196

Rec'd DEC 12 1912

Oberlin Ohio.

Dec 11th 1912.

Dear Mr. Bell.

Some days since my sister wrote Mr. Higgin about my going to California for a two weeks stay, and sailing from San Francisco, for Shanghai, China, Jan. twenty-third. We have now

decided that we
would like to go to
California as soon
as possible - just
as soon as arrangements
can be made, and
stay there, resting,
until Jan. 23rd.
or such time as
may seem best.
We would like an

order for our steamer
tickets so that we may
take our baggage
along with us.
And I think it
would be wise for us
5 & have a passport.
I received a letter
from the American
Consul in Forchow
some time since
enclosing a letter
from the mission
saying there was

no need for delaying my return & shall hasten to hear from you as soon as convenient.

Sincerely—

Lucy T. Bennett,

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Oberlin, Ohio.
Dec. 11th, 1912.

Dear Doctor Barton! —
Some days since my sister wrote asking about our sailing from San Francisco for Shanghai, China, Jan. twenty-third and going 8

California for a
two weeks stay
before that date.
We have now
decided that we
would like to go to
California earlier,—
just as soon as
arrangements can
be made, and stay
in California, resting,

until Jan. 23rd,

I trust this will meet with your approval-

Sincerely

Lucy P. Bement.

Lucy O. Bement

Oberlin - Dec. 11-1912

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REC'D DEC 31 1915

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Shaowu, China.
Oct.28, 1915.

..... The government is now offering for sale all their holdings in Shaowu not at present in use by them. This among many other buildings includes the building which they have been lending to us for a primary day school building. It is located squarely in the middle of our Woman's Board property, and is all that prevents the Girls' and Women's Schools from being contiguous. You can see how desirable it is that it should fall to no one else but us. I hate to think how disastrous it might be to our schools to have the place in the hands of others than the "city fathers" or ourselves. We have waited all these years for the opportunity to buy it, and we don't want to lose it now. It is an old building but in good repair, and is especially well adapted to day school purposes. The government has used it for a city hall and an examination hall. I think I have written you of the building before. It would answer all our purposes for the day school here at the North Gate for years. There is in the Jubilee Fund a request for Primary and Day School Buildings, but it would mean that we must have a THOUSAND DOLLARS AT ONCE if we are to avail ourselves of present conditions in Shaowu. Later, especially if the government pupils should come to us, we shall need a building at the South Gate, and the need for buildings in some of the most important of our outstations is also great, but at present we not only need this building but feel that we must have it. Miss Walker can tell you how necessary it us that no one else should hold this property, as it lies between the schools and opposite the hospital. Can you send us the money at once?

(Signed) Lucy P.Bement, Frances K.Bement, Grace A. Funk.

Frances N. Bement
Grace A. Funk
to H. B. M. D.

Shawnee Oct 28-1915

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Foochow, China,

July 12, 1916.

. E. Strong, D. D.
A.B.C.F.M.
Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Strong:-

Yesterday at the Annual Meeting of the Foochow Mission of the merican Board I was appointed to write a letter concerning an action aken by the Mission regarding the length of the first term of service f all unmarried ladies of the Mission.

The action was as follows:

> Voted: to approve the recommendation of the Woman's Work Committee that the first term of service for Woman's Board Workers be five or five and a half years, Dr. Bement to write the letter giving reasons for the recommendation.

The vote was unanimous and most enthusiastic. Some of the reasons given were as follows:

More missionaries would enter the work. Many young ladies taking p new work hesitate to contract for a seven years term, but would come or five. Parents and friends would offer less objection to a shorter erm, while if a seven year separation loomed up before them they would ot consent to the candidate entering the work at all.

The term of service of married missionaries has already been educed. Formerly married people came for a term of ten years and those nmarried came for seven. Now the term of service for the former has een reduced to seven years while the latter remains unchanged.

Personal contact of the missionary with the home constituency is ost valuable. At present those supporting a missionary demand a personal acquaintance with the missionary and her work. At the end of a ive year term the new missionary is able to make a vital connection etween the home base and the mission field, by visiting the churches hich contribute to her work and her support. This is very often neglected on account of the impaired health of the missionary who remains too long on the field without furlough.

A change of workers is detrimental to the work both at home and abroad. If, on account of too long a term of service, the missionary cannot return to the field, as has often been the case, the Board is obliged to incur expense and labor to secure a new recruit. The home constituency must again be roused to interest in a new person, on the field the native workers must become acquainted with a new worker and all work is delayed while the new missionary learns the language and becomes settled in her new environment.

The shorter term would make for the better health and therefore the better ~~health~~ service of the missionary. Most ladies coming from a Northern climate to a Southern find the debilitating effects of the change of latitude beginning to show about the second year. This in connection with the study of the language for the first three years causes a severe strain on the general health, and they come to a point in about five years where a complete change and rest is most beneficial.

Pooshow, China,

July 12, 1916.

Dr. E. Strong, D. D.
A.B.C.F.M.
Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Strong:-

Yesterday at the Annual Meeting of the Pooshow Mission of the American Board I was appointed to write a letter concerning an action taken by the Mission regarding the length of the first term of service of all unmarried ladies of the Mission.

The action was as follows:

Voted: to approve the recommendation of the Woman's Work Committee that the first term of service for Woman's Board Workers be five or five and a half years, Dr. Bement to write the letter giving reasons for the recommendation.

The vote was unanimous and most enthusiastic. Some of the reasons given were as follows:

More missionaries would enter the work. Many young ladies taking up new work hesitate to contract for a seven years term, but would come for five. Parents and friends would offer less objection to a shorter term, while if a seven year separation loomed up before them they would not consent to the candidate entering the work at all.

The term of service of married missionaries has already been reduced. Formerly married people came for a term of ten years and those unmarried came for seven. Now the term of service for the former has been reduced to seven years while the latter remains unchanged.

Personal contact of the missionary with the home constituency is most valuable. At present those supporting a missionary demand a personal acquaintance with the missionary and her work. At the end of a five year term the new missionary is able to make a vital connection between the home base and the mission field, by visiting the churches which contribute to her work and her support. This is very often neglected on account of the impaired health of the missionary who remains too long on the field without furlough.

A change of workers is detrimental to the work both at home and abroad. If, on account of too long a term of service, the missionary cannot return to the field, as has often been the case, the Board is obliged to incur expense and labor to secure a new recruit. The home constituency must again be roused to interest in a new person, on the field the native workers must become acquainted with a new worker and all work is delayed while the new missionary learns the language and becomes settled in her new environment.

The shorter term would make for the better health and therefore the better health of the missionary. Most ladies coming from a Northern climate to a Southern find the debilitating effects of the change of latitude beginning to show about the second year. This in connection with the study of the language for the first three years causes a severe strain on the general health, and they come to a point in about five years where a complete change and rest is most beneficial.

Other societies and organizations have found it necessary to adopt a five year term. It has been determined after thorough investigation by various bodies having workers in the Orient that a five year term of service is far better than a longer term. From a strictly business point of view this has been found the most successful policy. This is shown by the experience of those who come out for service in the Telegraph and Cable Companies, and also in the various mercantile firms doing business in the Orient.

All the other Missionary bodies in Fukien have found the shorter term to be more successful especially for the unmarried people sent out.

For many years this has been the policy of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of America, whose missionaries go out f for a first term of five years.

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The Young Woman's Christian Association has a term of five years.

The English Church Missionary Society has a term of five years for unmarried ladies and no one is allowed to stay longer without a physician's certificate and permission to do so.

This is also the rule of the Church of England Zenana Society.

Finally, We find that the last two years of the first term of a missionary's life, when that term is a seven year term is almost without exception is a useless waste of that reserve force which would be her most valuable asset in the future years of her missionary life. Many who stay the full seven years require more than the ordinary furlough in order to regain their health. In some cases the health breaks down completely and often the person is not able to return to her work at all. To avoid this would it not be wise to adopt what has been proved to be a good business policy and have a five year or a five and a half year ~~policy~~ term regularly decided upon?

Yours respectfully,

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Mr. E. Strong D.D.
c/o B C F M
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Strong:-

I am very much surprised that "no figures are available for the Medical work for women and children at the North Gate, Shanghai China, as stated in the 1915 Annual Report.

They are as follows.

	1914	1915
Inpatients	65	50.
Outpatients	6173	6000.
Return visits	10265	10000
Seen on tours		800.
Total treatments	16438	16850.
Receipts	$105 Mex	$160.

Yours,
Lucy P. Bement.

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Rev. D. E. Sharp D.D.
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Doctor Sharp:

It is my privilege to report to you that the number of treatments in the Sarah Parker Hospital Shaowu for the year 1916 number 16,453.

I have also to report that on Jan 1st 1917 at Shaowu was born to Rev. Robt. B. Whitaker and Mrs. Louise Pulick Whitaker a son. John Pulick Whitaker.

I have also, very much to my regret, to report that on Jan. 15th 1917 Rev. and Mrs. Whitaker and family left Shanghai for America on account of the continued illness of their little daughter Julie. You have undoubtedly heard fully of the severe illnesses of this child before coming to Fukien. She is said to have had Bronchio Pneumonia three times in Shanghai and Nanking, and to have been isolated six weeks with chicken-pox and to have had a severe attack of bowel trouble all after her arrival in China and before coming to Foochow.

they spent ten days in Torchow before coming to Kuliang. On the day that they came to the mountain I was called to see the child and she seemed to be well started for another attack of pneumonia but after awhile she quieted down and seemed better. She was ill all summer. She had a most troublesome cough, was anaemic, had enlarged glands - At times had subnormal temperature as low as 95.4 alternating with fever. She would stay awake and keep either her father or mother or both awake about three nights in five, perhaps two nights

in fire toward the last of the Summer. If she went to sleep she would wake up coughing and stay awake five or six hours. At times she would eat and sometimes she could not be prevailed upon to do so.

I thought they aught not to come to Sharon. But others thought if they did not try Sharon How could they know whether they could live here or not. The last ten days they were on the mountain the child improved. And we started to Sharon. Had a very quick and good trip. The best trip I ever made. We started Monday night after dark and arrived here a week from the next Wednesday about 3 P.M. It was cloudy and cool the whole way, but no

not rain enough to delay us, except that we tied up three hours late one afternoon because of high water forcing us going thro' the gorge.

All the Fall we have had gloriously beautiful weather. I never saw such magnificent weather so continuously. The foreign cow died before we reached here but the Chinese immediately went to the next province and got some good Chinese cows. And there was a good supply of milk - all everyone wanted and good quality.

The conditions of living in Shaowu were as nearly perfect as we can hope to have them under existing circumstances nevertheless the child was

ill repeatedly. As soon as she arrived here she had a slight attack of bronchitis which she quickly recovered from. But she was soon ill again and much worse. And when the heavy mists came - we always have them every year - she became so alarmingly ill that her parents decided to take her home. They were in terror all the time lest she get as bad as she had been in Shanghai and Nanking - I recommended to the Station that we ask the Mission to send them home, which they did. We were very sorry to lose them. Mr. Whitaker had made a great hit with the Chinese by going to their homes very

afternoon to sell Scriptures they said he loved them very much he mingled with them so much. We all admired Mrs. Whitaker very much indeed. And the little boy was a dear. But I think we all thought it best for them to return to America. I trust you will be able to send us some one very soon to take their places.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard were here for the annual meeting and fortieth anniversary of Dr. Walker's coming to Shaowu and the Shaowu Station asked them to stay and take the Whitakers down river. Mr. & Mrs. Whitaker wished to go at once but Mrs. W. was afraid to go down river so they waited two weeks. And the son

was born and in two weeks more they started. Mr and Mrs. Hubbard helped us out wonderfully. Mrs Kellogg had been ill so she was not able to more than look after herself. Juliet had to be watched all the time day and night. Mr. Whitaker looked after her at night. Mr. Hubbard took the little boy. And Mrs Hubbard took charge of Mrs Whitaker and the baby at night. And charge of every thing in the day time. She worked like a trojan and we very greatly appreciate it.

Miss Funk has at present gone to Kiu Kiang for a six weeks stay. I trust that it will be possible for us to open a station there very soon. We would be glad if the Prudential Committee of the American Board

in the "Rooms" as to the advisability of doing so. It seems to me that it would be much better to establish a home there. And be as comfortable as possible - rather than try to work that part of the field from here and go for six weeks or two months and live in Chinese houses and be as uncomfortable as possible - of course I think there should be a physician there if foreigners are sent there to live and that is why we are especially asking for another physician so that it will be possible to join us the place is certainly large enough and important enough.

Very truly

Lucy P. Bement.

Shaowu,

Feb. 7, 1917

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Foochow, China.
Oct. 20, 1911.

Dr. James L. Barton,
Boston, Mass, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Barton,

You asked how the language problem looks to me. As I have been here about ten months, I can give you some of my early impressions and some of my experiences in regard to it. It is certainly a slow and hard path up from the incomprehensible.

As one arrives at Foochow and hears the stream of sound, fluctuating, up and down, stopping suddenly in what seems an

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Probably the first words to be distinguished and to be used are the words bĭng ăng, said in an even high tone, no accent. People say them to you and you respond with them. This is a salutation like "How do you do?" only it means something - "Peace". Some time must elapse before these words can be said without effort and without awkwardness.

One's slowness is again shown when willing friends give words, the names of things, but they will not stay in mind at first, even when they can be repeated.

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The simplest way to get these words seems to be to write them in Romanized Chinese, and memorize them. In Foochow, there is a system for expressing Chinese sounds in words, comprehensible to the new-comer, because these words are formed of vowels & consonants of the alphabet. The words bing ăng are an example of this.

The first lesson with a Chinese teacher is most puzzling. You cannot talk to him, you can only try to repeat words after him. But because of the tones which a Western ear does not perceive as an integral part of the word, it is often impossible to imitate a spoken word and get it correctly. It is most humiliating to try twelve times and then not succeed,

and nothing but a monosyllable, too. The teacher will take a word and say it in the seven different tones, and you try to repeat each as he says it. Imagine saying a little word like gǎ in seven ways so that the difference can be distinguished at once. One could hardly make up seven ways.

After an hour or two of these often futile attempts to say single words after the teacher, you may wish to vary the program, by reading portions of the Bible in Romanized, after the teacher. Two hours is a good time limit for the first chapter, repeated phrase by phrase after the teacher and corrected by him. Many of the phrases have to be repeated many times to get the sounds some

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where near right. It takes many days before accuracy is possible. Take a chapter a day like this and in one month you can do it in half the time, and much more accurately. In five months you can read it first, the teacher correcting, in about the same time it would take to do it in English. So progress is possible.

When you begin to feel yourself mastering, then to read becomes an exciting little game, to see how many words you can say without being corrected. If you can get in too many, it would be well to look at the teacher carefully, he may be sleepy, or watching a spider on the floor or puzzling over the meaning of something you tried to say five

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minutes before. It requires infinite patience in a teacher to listen day after day to the slow struggling foreigner-

When you begin to study Chinese characters, you have a more difficult proposition. The tones were hard to get, and the sounds of the words wouldn't stay in your memory, but nothing is so elusive as the names of the characters. The victory over them can be gained only by memorizing, aided by writing and association, and daily review- What took two days to get will be gone in two days unless reviews are kept up. They have to be kept up as long as you wish to say that you can read character. But after a time these reviews do not have

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to be so frequent as at first. If one had to look at every English word he knew every few days in order to remember, then it would be possible to have some true idea of the effort and time necessary to get Chinese characters, and to keep them after they are gotten.

As one commences character study, the two hundred and fourteen radicals seem insurmountable yet when you have them like a, b, c, you have only the frame work for the four or five thousand characters, you may some day learn, if you are scholarly.

In the time I have been here I have learned about a thousand characters, but I find it a little easier to learn them now than I did

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when I first began - Probably because I have learned how to do it -

There are many other problems in mission work but I have been occupied mostly with this one - I am glad to be here in the midst of problems and hope to have a little share in solving some of them, sometime -

Yours sincerely,

Gertrude H. Blanchard -

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Foochow, China.
June 24, 1912.

Dr. James L. Barton,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton,

News from China must be very interesting to you in America at this time. but I find that it is very hard to write what is true. what I hear and what Rumour says proves to be false, generally, by the time a letter will have reached America. Many have theories and feel pretty sure they know what is going to happen, but something different usually takes place. Nothing permanent, in the way of government is established yet, but, taken on the whole, the leaders and the people seem to be getting along pretty well. They are proud of their nation. Patriotism runs deep.

This winter has seen the introduction of electric lights in Foochow. and now the main streets are lighted by electricity and many of the shops use it, too.

When I came here, a year and a half ago, it was rather unusual to meet a man with short hair, while out on the street. Now it is almost impossible to find a queue in Foochow. In the country there are still some left. About two months ago, an order went out saying that all queues must be off in ten days. Some thought they could escape by unbraiding their hair and wearing it in a pug on the top of their head. But the policemen were supplied with scissors, and all the long hair had to go. Even coolies, carrying foreigners were stopped, the chair put down, a halt called, while a hair cut took place. Many are wearing foreign hats and caps now, and lately, some very queer combinations have been seen. One hat was made of a paper foundation with a mosquito net spread over it. There are straw hats of various shapes, sometimes a lattice work effect in the weaving. And some one said they were beginning to use tin and painting it, for hats. A study of Chinese millinery as worn by the men class would be interesting. The women do not wear hats.

I have just been out in the country at Wiongloh, attending a Bible Woman's Conference. Miss Perkins and Miss Walker listened to the reports and taught the Bible Classes. I tried to teach them to sing the scale and hymns. As we have been unable to visit them this winter, it was important that they should come to us and report. There were about twenty-five present.

When the women came we asked each one to write two questions, one about the body and one about the Bible. The questions about the body were all about diseases and what to do for them. The most interesting questions about the Bible were these. Gen. 4:14 Who else was there to kill Cain? Why did John doubt and why was he called Elijah? Were Ananias and Sapphira saved?

I have observed that the teachers in the Woman's School and in the dayschools, both men and women have little conception of methods in teaching, and of the object of learning. Their aim is to get the pupils to pass an examination, when the foreigner comes, and many of them have no scruples against helping the pupils, either openly, or secretly through an examination.

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This language is indeed a hard one and it is discouraging at times, but the vocabulary increases slowly and some day, I suppose it will not be such an effort to talk as it is now.

Yours sincerely,

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Aug.20,1918.

Dr.W.E.Strong,
14 Beacon St.,
Boston,Mass.

My dear Dr.Strong,

Thank you for conveying to me the sentiments of the Foochow Mission in regard to my return to Foochow.

Not just yet but some day I may be ready to reconsider the question.I have partly changed my mind that is,under certain conditions I feel that I could return.Would it be possible for an arrangement to be made so that I would be considered as an extra teacher or tutor with the right to return anytime,atmy own expense,in case I could not stay the seven years?If I could teach by the year Icould go. But the thought of seven years, possibly living with those uncongenial to me shrivels me all up.Perhaps a longer time of waiting will make me ready to go under the old conditions.

Reconstruction work in France appeals to me and I am thinking of undertaking it for a period.Will you recommend me if I use your name as a reference?Or do you think it wiser for me to try to go back to Foochow at once?

Yours sincerely,

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Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Strong,

Thank you for your letter of Sept. 12th. I agree with you that it seems best for me to wait a while longer, before undertaking work in china, again. Meanwhile, I hope I can be of some use in reconstruction work in France.

I am sorry to have caused you so much trouble in regard to the recommendations I asked for. I have asked the parties to send you more blanks, in case they do not receive a reply. Your name was given as reference to the Smith College Relief Unit, 382 Boylston St., Boston, Mass, and to the American Red Cross 755 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.

I have not forgotten China, but there are difficulties, that I cannot tell anyone about. Time will help.

Yours sincerely, Gertrude H. Blanchard.

Gardner

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Nishitai Mts. Shaowu, China
July 13, 1910.

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.
Sec A.B.C.F.M.
14 Beacon St
Boston Mass

Dear Dr Barton –

I have been up here in the mountains a little over a week now, a lot of work keeping me at Shaowu later than we usually stay there. Mrs Bliss and our children came up three weeks earlier as our youngest daughter was made quite ill by the heat. That is one of the great advantages of having a mountain cottage near our station we can get the children out of the heat early without leaving the work ourselves.

The Kelloggs are here in the Walker cottage and agree with the rest of us that that is more beautiful place than this would be hard to find. For beauty of scenery climate and everything except society this is far superior to Kuliang as a summer refuge. It is cool enough here to allow of considerable out-of-door exercise with great benefit.

There are many populous villages within five miles of our cottages so we have a large number of visitors. I brought up some new medical books hoping to read them besides catching up with my correspondence but haven't made much progress so far

as there are many patients. This week there have been nearly one hundred already and it is only Wednesday.

During the past six months the health of the members of the station excepting Dr Walker has been very good. Since March Dr Walker has had a great deal of digestive disturbance with diarrhoea and sore mouth. These symptoms in connection with the atrophied condition of the liver which he has had for some years have caused me considerable anxiety. Such a condition is more frequently met with at Foochow than at Shaowu and Dr Kinnear is probably more familiar with it than I, so I have asked him to examine Dr Walker but have had no report yet.

As soon as the hospital was opened after my return the clinics were well attended and during the last four months the number of patients has exceeded, I think, that treated in the same months of any previous year. My former students had gone out into practice so with the beginning of the Chinese year five new students were received all from our Boys Boarding School though two of them left the school a number of years ago. Also two young men have been taken on for training as nurses, one of them a graduate of the Boys Boarding School. The oversight which these new helpers (?) have required and the superintendence of numerous repairs and improvements about the hospital have kept the physician fairly busy.

Probably you know from the letters of the Kelloggs that since our arrival at Shaowu last December they with Mr Storrs and ourselves have shared the house in which we lived when you visited Shaowu. It, of course was very crowded but all of us were willing to be crowded while the Kelloggs were learning the language and becoming accustomed to the new life here. They have now decided to go to housekeeping in the old frame house by the church. I think that they will be more comfortable there than in their narrow quarters with us but on account of the situation of that house, with filthy Chinese houses on three sides of it, I sincerely trust that they will not have to remain there long. I am so convinced that it is poor economy for the Board to have new missionaries living in such surroundings, that I seriously considered moving there myself and giving up the new house to them & Mr Storrs, but I finally concluded that my children would suffer more from the conditions at the old house than the Kelloggs would. We have secured the excellent site next to the Walker house, the Kelloggs advancing the money for it, and we anxiously await favorable action by the Prudential Com. on the mission's request for a new residence. From the time of our receiving word of such action, it will require two full years to collect material & get the house ready for occupancy so the need of immediate action is urgent.

Respectfully yours

Edwood L. Bliss.

Edward L. Wilcox ✓

Shaowu - China - July 13 - 1910

Shaowu
House

Rec'd JUL 5 1911

Shaowu via Foochow, China

May 19, 1911.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Sec A.B.C.F.M.
14 Beacon St, Boston

Dear Dr Barton:—

Your kind letter of Apr. 5. was received yesterday. I am ashamed to think how I have put off writing to you and Mr Bell, but to him there is anything special like sickness among missionaries, I am too busy to write and when I finally get round to it my news are out of date.

Your letter spoke of Mr Stors illness with appendicitis. It was a pretty sharp attack and he suffered a great deal of pain, but he was a good patient and his constitution has stood the climate remarkably well, so he came through in fair shape though much reduced in weight. Some thought that I should send him away as soon as he was convalescent but his condition did not seem to make such a step necessary. So he was allowed to stay on with the advice to spare himself in every way possible. The event have justified this course. He has regained his lost weight and appears well. His appendicitis was complicated with malaria which had been troubling him since

last summer. He is still taking his weekly dose of quinine.

As he spent his mid-year vacation on a sick-bed, it seems as though he ought to have a longer vacation this summer to get back into first class condition, so we have all urged him to go down river before the very hot weather comes on. He rebelled against doing this but finally consented and has started today. He will probably go to Dug Hole and spend some time with his old friend Mr. Smith. The companionship will do them both good.

Mrs Kellogg was very ill with fever about Nov 1st but made a good recovery so that long before Miss Catherine came in Feb. the mothers health was excellent and has continued so. She appears to stand the climate and life here better than Mr Kellogg who has suffered a good deal from digestive troubles the first year.

Dr Walker was poorly last fall and early winter. He could not digest his food properly and was quite despondent. He lost flesh rapidly for a while but at last we got the better of his difficulty and he has now regained his weight and appears stronger than he has for several years past.

Last year saw the largest attendance at the hospital which we have had, over 16,000 at the dispensary and one hundred and two inpatients. Judging from the past three months, the present year will show a still larger attendance. The inpatients for these months have numbered over fifty, with nineteen operations, seven of them with a general anaesthetic and twelve with cocaine. We have a new operating room now with abundant light, cement floor and washable walls and ceiling. The two main wards have been made lighter and more airy by additional windows, and light colored paint has made the interior much more cheerful.

Last winter one of the main wards was heated by stove, an innovation much appreciated by the patients. But the greatest advance of all has been in the matter of boarding the patients. Among my new students was one who proved capable of managing this department and we were fortunate in securing the services of a good cook, so now instead of chronic dissatisfaction with the food furnished, the patients feel very well treated and are contented to stay with us for longer terms of treatment than formerly.

I enclose a Kodak photograph of my hospital staff, the two on the extreme ends are the cook and coolie, the others students. I am

sorry that the photographer amputated the feet of most of them. I send also enclosing a photograph of our two girls, to show you how they are developing. Ruth, the elder is getting along well in her books and quite a piece of Mrs Bliss's time is taken up with teaching her. There being no other children in the station for playmates, rather complicates their bringing up. We plan to go to Kuliang for the summer this year principally that they may have the companionship of other foreign children.

Mrs Bliss sends most cordial greetings

Respectfully yours

Edward L. Bliss.

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Shao-wu, China May 19, 1911.

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Rec'd JAN 24 1912

Foochow, China, Dec. 13, 1900.

Dear Dr. Barton,:

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The mission houses are on the outskirts of the city with large stretches of fields and vacant land on two sides, consequently very much exposed to visits from night prowlers. A squad of soldiers was quartered in our neighborhood, which doubtless afforded us some protection, and we employed several night watchmen to guard the premises. Also Mr. Storrs, Mr. Kellogg and myself took turns at night watching.

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Faithfully Yours,

Edward L. Bliss

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Rec'd MAY 28 1912

Foochow, China
Apr 16, 1912

Dr James L Barton
Secy A.B.C.F.M.
14 Beacon St Boston

Dear Dr Barton

Mr Kellogg and I have just returned from a six weeks trip to Shaowu. The consul thought that the political conditions in China were still too unsettled to warrant our taking our families into the interior but reluctantly consented to the men going up for a visit. We were delayed on the way up by heavy rains and high water but had three weeks at Shaowu which well repaid us for the trip.

When about one hundred and fifteen miles below Shaowu the river became so high as to be impassable for our boats so we left them to come on when they could and walked on ten miles to Yong Tai where we have our first chapel. We spent an afternoon and night at the chapel conferring with the preacher and Christians. Next day we walked on all day to Yong Ken where we have a strong church with an energetic pastor. We spent Sunday there and were greatly cheered by all that we saw during

our stay there. The Christians evidently take their Christianity very much in earnest. They evidently have faith in foreign medicine also as I prescribed for a large number of patients both then and on my return down river.

Monday morning we walked on to Shuin Chang and had an afternoon and night with the Christians there and the next forenoon we were just starting on to walk to Sui-Ken-tsai when our boatmen put in an appearance and we went back to boat riding. This didn't last long for we, however, for late in that afternoon we were met by a boat carrying a messenger from Shaowu, asking me to hurry on as one of our prominent Christian young women had been five days in childbirth. She is a graduate and former teacher in the Boarding School (Girls) and is now the wife of a teacher in the Boys Boarding School.

I feared that I would be too late to be of help but the messenger and I started to walk the more than fifty miles to Shaowu. We walked all night at a good pace, crossing four ferries and by daybreak had covered over forty miles. The remaining ten miles I rode in a sedan chair though it caused delay, yet I was afraid that if I

walked out I would be too tired to be found use when I reached the patient. She was in a very critical condition after six days of suffering but it was not too late to save her and she made a good recovery.

Before we left Toochow letters had been sent to the various chapels, calling the preachers and other Christian workers together for an annual business meeting and about a week after our arrival they gathered there. We had four days with them planning the work of the year and discussing incidental problems. We took plenty of time and were quite pleased with the way things worked out and felt that the time was very profitably spent. We had endeavored to arrange the year's work from Toochow without much success and these meetings were the main reason for our trip up, but we found that our presence made a great difference in all departments of the mission work.

The Boys Boarding School had opened its term in charge of the native teachers but Mr Kellogg's presence there for three weeks gave a new tone to things.

The hospital work left in charge of my students had languished but took on new life soon after my arrival

while there I made arrangements with the best of my former students to take charge during my absence. He is a very capable man and I hope for a better showing the next six months.

We found the mission property at Shaowu had not been at all disturbed. When we were obliged to go away last November we left reliable watchmen in charge, usually at least two at each house, and found that they had been faithful and the people orderly. We found the country very quiet both at Shaowu and along the way, quite a contrast from what it was two weeks before we left Shaowu last November. One of the hard things about this enforced absence is that we stayed there through the danger period and then had to leave our work all this time when everything was favorable for carrying it on. We feel that the government should have allowed us to remain at our discretion.

Things do not seem to be straightening out as fast as we had hoped. The great difficulty which the government has to face is the lack of funds. The de facto government, in order to obtain the good will of the people remitted a year's taxes and now that it cannot make a foreign loan, it has no adequate source of revenue to trade

it over the interval until taxes begin to come in without money to pay the soldiers there is fear of counter revolution but I do not anticipate more than local disturbances judging from what we see in this province. The present officials are doing their work with ability, honesty and energy. The province seems to be much better governed than formerly under the Manchu government. With an overthrow of the present government the condition of the people would be far worse financially than at present and there would be nothing to gain from it in any way. I think that only disappointed office seekers and those who want a chance to loot would favor a counter revolution.

But all this will be a month or more old when it reaches you and it won't be much beside the news which you will get fresh from the cable. Still letters add a little local coloring which cablegrams cannot give.

Respectfully yours

Edward L. Bliss.

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Shaowu via Foochow China
May 5 1913

Rev J. L. Barton D.D.
Secy A.B.C.F.M.
14 Beacon St Boston, Mass

Dear Dr Barton:-

We were very glad to welcome back Mr Storrs who reached Shaowu more than two weeks ago. We didn't have him with us very long, however, for he soon started off on a tour to the southwestern part of the field. This year home undoubtedly did him much good physically. I hope he will be able to dodge the malaria on this trip.

The other members of the station are in pretty good health. Mr Walker had a slight setback from a cold started while on a three days trip ~~into~~ the country. The docs both agree that it is not wise for him to do much country work. Mr & Mrs Kellogg seem acclimated now and feeling much better than they did during their first two years here.

Mr Kellogg enjoys a tour once in a while and it seems to do him good. The station is very fortunate in having two young men who are such faithful and capable workers.

Mrs Bliss has not been really well since last fall when we took the boat trip up rivers. At that time every member of our family contracted chronic bowel trouble. I fear that our food or most probably our drinking water became contaminated in some way though we took every possible precaution against it, such as boiling the water &c. Mrs Bliss' trouble proved most obstinate as she still has recurrences.

The attendance at the hospital is increasing every year until lately there are about a hundred at the dispensary daily, the average being somewhat less than a hundred. There has also been a large increase in the number of inpatients and of these there is a larger proportion than formerly of more serious cases.

For more than a week now, we have averaged one operation a day requiring

an anaesthetic and there are still a number of operations to do. I dont want you to get the impression that this is the usual order of things at the hospital. It has just happened that the operations have bunched themselves. But it will doubtless prove true that with the increase in the number of patients there will be a corresponding increase in the number of ~~patients~~ operative cases.

We are reaching more of the well-to-do people than formerly and this class of work might be developed indefinitely if we had the time to devote to it. Such people require more time and attention than the poorer people. They have been used to different things.

It is gratifying to see the hospital becoming better understood and appreciated and extending its influence, but even success has its drawbacks. From a medical point of view the results were more satisfactory when there were fewer patients and I could give individual cases more care.

In your last letter to me you stated that it was your idea to have two

physicians at each hospital and I feel sure that this is the only wise plan. It is the plan adopted by the Methodists at Geng Ping and the English mission at Kien-ning fu, the only hospitals which might be spoken of as near Shaowu. These cities do not differ greatly in size from Shaowu and I think that our hospital draws its patients from a much larger region than either of the others and perhaps larger than both of them combined. We have one man under treatment who came five days journey to reach the hospital and the average distance of the twenty four in-patients' homes from Shaowu is 60 English miles. The great trouble with the hospital work here at Shaowu is its irregularity. Now the hospital is running full, but in about a month the Amoy children must go to the mountains and the physician must go with them. This will mean closing the hospital as there is no suitable Chinese to leave in charge. With two physicians this hospital could be kept open all summer, when it is most needed. With but one physician he is tied down to his station as there seems always to be some patients whom he cannot leave. With two physicians we could do something for our country Christians. It must seem to them that we do not care much for them when we come plan to visit them once in years. They are very sick perhaps dying. Yours faithfully

Edward L. Betts

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May 5-1913

Physicians at work hospital and I feel that this is the only place I have it is the place adapted for the practical work of my and the Enfield mission. Nurses for the only hospital which serve for a population of over thirty thousand people. Our dispensary and I think that our patients have a need for larger than that. Southern China are very poor people healthwise who cannot go long journey to reach the hospital. Our nurses visiting the homes in the surrounding villages to instruct the people in the practical work of the hospital work. Our work is increasingly. Our patients number is increasing fully ten in about a year. Our children need to the medical care which we can give them. This is our reason for asking the Enfield mission to join us in our work. Physicians are very scarce in this province. We have a very large hospital and dispensary and need physicians to carry on our medical work. Nurses are also needed to help care for the sick and to teach the people how to care for themselves in sickness. Our nurses visit the homes of the people in the surrounding villages. Many come to the hospital and dispensary. Some have to walk for days to reach the hospital. Our work is increasing fully ten in about a year. Our children need to the medical care which we can give them. This is our reason for asking the Enfield mission to join us in our work. Physicians are very scarce in this province. We have a very large hospital and dispensary and need physicians to carry on our medical work. Nurses are also needed to help care for the sick and to teach the people how to care for themselves in sickness. Our nurses visit the homes of the people in the surrounding villages. Many come to the hospital and dispensary. Some have to walk for days to reach the hospital

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REC'D APR 26 1915

Shaowu, China.
Feb 24 1914

To the Prudential Com A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Sirs:-

Today in our station business meeting it was voted to request you to make an additional grant of four hundred dollars to complete the new missionary residence and I was asked to write an explanation of this request.

The original grant of $3000 was made in 1910. This has been used to purchase land and enclose it with an adobe wall and to build a substantial brick house which has now been roofed in and the floors are being laid. Of the appropriation only fifty dollars remain and we estimate that four hundred dollars will be necessary to complete the building.

This failure to keep the expenditures within the appropriation has been due to two reasons.

First ~~Soon~~ after the walls were completed there was a long period of heavy rainfall which thoroughly soaked the ground. This caused the foundation ~~of~~ at one corner to settle suddenly, throwing down one side of the house. The expense thus caused for extra labor and broken brick accounts

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for the larger part of the deficit. This accident was caused by no fault of the builders as the foundation had been carried down to the usual depth of the foundations of our other mission houses. and to all appearances a firm clayey stratum of soil was reached but after the foundation was removed for rebuilding, we discovered that the appearance of the soil was deceptive as the clayey layer was thin and beneath this was another stratum of sand which could not sustain the great weight.

Second:- The cost of building material especially of bricks & tiles and the price of labor have advanced considerably since the house was planned. The price of bricks being more than one third greater and that of tiles being one half greater than they were when the last mission house was built.

For these reasons it has been impossible to keep the expense within the appropriation. The house is no larger than is required for a family, being considerably smaller than the physician's residence and larger than the Walker residence. It is of the same style as the other houses, substantial but planned with an aim to economy.

Very Respectfully
Edwood L. Bliss.

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REC'D APR 17 1915

Shaowu, China
Feb 26 1915

To the Prudential Com. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Sirs:-

At a recent business meeting of the Shaowu station it was voted that Mr. Kellogg and family return to the U.S. for furlough this spring.

This action was taken upon my advice as station physician but is in accordance with the unanimous opinion of the members of the station.

Their furlough would naturally come due a year from this spring but we believe that it would be unwise for them to attempt to remain here until that time.

Their elder child, Katherine now four years of age has always been frail with a constant tendency to severe bowel trouble. For the past six months her health has been somewhat improved, but before that for a year and a half her condition was one of great danger.

The second child, Margaret, is also frail and has always required very painstaking care. For nearly two months past she has been very ill with bronchitis and fever and inability to take heat very

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July 26 1915

To the Distributor Gem Co.
Ten days.

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small quantities of nourishment. She is improving now but is very thin and weak.

The almost constant anxiety for a long period and careful nursing involving much loss of sleep has told heavily on both Mr & Mrs Kellogg. They have used up a great deal of their reserve strength and are in poor condition to encounter the heated season, especially in view of the great probability that one or both of the children will be ill again when the hot weather comes.

At present there is nothing apparent in their condition to prevent their recuperating well within a furlough of ordinary length but it is to be feared that if they should remain on the field a year longer it would require a longer period for their recuperation.

At the same meeting it was voted that Mrs Bliss and children return to the U.S. with Mr & Mrs Kellogg, Dr Bliss remaining on the field until next spring when his furlough would naturally come due.

This is Mrs Bliss's second term of service in the mission. The first term was nine and a half years during which she learned two languages, the Foochow and the Shaowu, and engaged in teaching in the schools of both stations. That term of service was too long as her health was impaired

small quantity of nourishment, she is injuring herself in very this extent.

The chief cause of her weakness is the almost constant nervous exhaustion, brought on by the long and painful nursing of her husband, who for the last two years of his life was a helpless invalid, requiring constant attention & care.

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to such a degree that she did not fully recover during her furlough. Her general condition makes a change necessary but there is another condition making the return to the U.S. preferable. A year ago a small growth appeared on her hand which I removed last July with apparent thoroughness. A little over a month ago following an injury to the scar a new growth began to develop there. Her father and numerous relatives died of cancer and I fear that this growth will develop into cancer if it does not immediately receive the attention of a specialist.

In regard to my request for furlough a year from this spring, I would say that according to the custom of the mission my furlough would naturally come then. Members of the station have expressed the opinion that I need a furlough now. But though I was ill last summer and have not fully recovered, I believe that there is nothing in my condition to make it unwise for me to remain to complete the term of service, though I shall be unable to carry as much work as I did before my illness.

Respectfully yours
Edwood L. Bliss.

Edward L. Bliss

Shawnee Feb. 26 - 1915

REC'D APR 17 1915

Shanowu, Foochow, China
March 3 1915

Rev James L. Barton D.D.
14 Beacon St Boston

Dear Dr Barton:-

I enclose a letter to the Prudential Committee regarding action taken by our station a few days ago. The action has been reported to the mission for its approval and doubtless you will receive a report of their action before long. This letter will explain to you why I have been obliged to advise that Mr Kellogg and family and Mrs Bliss and our children return to the U.S. without waiting for the action of the Prudential Committee on the matter. I have little to add to what I have already written except that Margaret Kellogg yesterday suffered a relapse after about two weeks of better health. I think she will be better soon and I try to encourage the parents with the hope that she will eventually be strong and well. but this continual illness of their children is of course very hard on them.

I have not written to you since my

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illness last summer because there are so many interruptions that it is hard to find a free space long enough to make it worth while to get out my paper & pen. This letter & the enclosure to the Prudential Committee it has been trying to write for days and finally am writing while the rest of Shawan is in bed and asleep.

Last Spring my work was very heavy & I over did, thinking that I would stand it all right until summer & then rest up, but it so happened that the very day I went to the mountains the third of July, I was taken with a combination of Grippe and Malaria. They caught me when I had used up my reserve strength and in no condition to resist them so they used me pretty hard. I was so weak that I had to spend most of the time for over a month on the bed but could get up to prescribe for the most serious cases of illness my treatment probably was not as good as it is at some times but was probably better for my patients than not having any physician at all.

Before my illness the number of patients

Inside last Commission Treasury Notes are so
soon redeemable that it is thought
will a few days longer enough to meet
it until when I shall call upon you fully
in this letter, the necessary funds
industrial Commission shall have been
made for that purpose in Washington
in the meantime I remain in
respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Thomas Jefferson
Hon. Thomas Jefferson
President of the United States
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir
I have received your letter of the
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relative to the commissioner
Indian affairs. Many
reasons which have been urged
against the measure, and
which are within your
knowledge, have induced me
to think it not advisable
to give it my sanction
at this time. I am
however in no consultation
with those who
have charge of the
subject, and
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as the hospital was getting altogether too large, over 24,000 treatments a year for hospital and dispensary so raised the scale of charges for medicines. This has had the effect of reducing the numbers but it enables us to give more careful attention and more expensive medicines to the patients so that the hospital is, it seems to me doing better work than before.

Just now is the season of year when small pox is most prevalent and we are doing considerable vaccinating at the hospital. Of course only the children in and near Shanghai can be vaccinated here but I am teaching men how to vaccinate in a proper & cleanly manner so that they may go out into the country and vaccinate. Of course the hospital has vaccinated in former years but the time has come now when we should make a special effort to make the practice of vaccination general & so put a check on the annual epidemic of small pox.

Respectfully yours

Edward L. Bliss

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Shawnee Nov. 5-1915

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REC'D APR 26 1915

Shaowan March 3 1915

Dear Mr Beard

I enclose letters to the Prudential committee regarding votes passed by the station at a recent business meeting. I think that Miss Funk, the station sec. has reported the votes to you. I was asked to write to the Prudential committee in explanation so kindly forward these letters to Boston.

I have always been very conservative about sending missionaries home for health reasons and I have been loath to do it now. but I believe now that there is no doubt about the necessity of the Kelloggs and Mrs Bliss going home at this time. If the Kelloggs to remain would be at the risk of a very serious breakdown ~~which for~~ one or both of them which might mean the loss of a very valuable worker just when he is coming to his time of greatest usefulness. In the case of Mrs Bliss a delay might easily cost her her life.

I have a sister who is a physician located near Boston. and Mrs Bliss will have her assistance ~~and advice~~

in consulting a specialist & in whatever else will be necessary. Otherwise I should feel that I must accompany her. But that would leave the Station so short handed that I must stay unless I ~~abandoned~~ it becomes absolutely necessary for me to go.

It is now planned to leave here the April 19 trying for steamers leaving Shanghai early in May. It is of course late to secure passage but usually there are some who give up their passage at the last moment so probably there will be room on one of the steamers leaving then.

It will be necessary for me to go with my family to Shanghai, so I shall have the opportunity of seeing you & your friends before long.

With cordial greetings to Mrs Beard & you

Sincerely yours

Edward L. Bliss.

Dr. E. L. Bliss to Mr. Beard

Shanghai

Mar. 3-1915

RECD AUG 27 1915

Shaowu, China.
July 17, 1915.

Dear Dr Barton:-

I am back from my trip to Shanghai where I went to see my family safely on board the S.S. for San Francisco. The other missionaries of the station are not in the U.S. are at Kuliang so it is quiet here so far as foreign society is concerned. How much of the summer I shall spend at Shaowu & how much at our mountain cottage will depend on my health. So far the heat has not seemed to affect me. While at Shanghai there was a return of my grippe occasioned by a cold taken on the trip up from Foochow. Had a bad cough, slept very poorly & digestion out of sorts. Boarding house food wasn't doing much for me so I found a room, got one square meal a day and for the rest lived on bread & butter & milk & fruit. Soon my digestion was in good shape, cough gone & sleeping normally & gaining in strength

steadily. Shanghai seemed the best place for me, hence up so my stay there was much longer than originally planned.

I had too many irons in the fire to pull out entirely on short notice & return to the U.S. with my family. Going next year is easier to plan for. Meanwhile we hope you can send us the new doctor we are calling for. We need a thoroughly trained surgeon here & could devote myself more to the medical & country work.

You have been told, I think, about our start at a dairy in connection with the hospital. There has always been difficulty in obtaining even a little milk at Shaowu, the native cows as a rule yielding only about a pint a day and not at all if the calf is taken away. Even this small quantity is for only a few months. As the number of missionaries increased there was never enough milk, often not enough even for the babies. This lack of milk has been a serious drawback to the health of the foreigners at Shaowu, appreciable at all times but especially in time of illness. Mr Gardner would probably have been able to continue

to live here, Dr & Mrs Walker's & Miss Walker's health would have been much better. could they have had the milk their condition required

Then there are the Chinese sick especially the babies. Most Chinese women can nurse their children in part but after the first month or two begin feeding them other things and after the first year there is little Mother's milk. Consequently most of them have bowel trouble and about two out of three babies die. Then many of the actual patients are hard to treat or incurable without milk as the most easily digestible food, especially continued malarial fever, chronic malaria, nephritis, early tuberculosis, chronic dysentery. These with chronic indigestion form the back of our medical cases & we often lose patients who would have been saved if milk were available. There is at Shaowu a considerable & growing demand for milk by the Chinese. They often come to buy some from us for cases of sickness. It doesn't seem Christian for us to take the whole supply for ourselves, without trying to do what is in our power to increase the supply, so it has been impressed upon me that the thing most needful to increase the value of the medical work is to provide milk for the sick. —

and this at the same time, we prove to the Chinese as well as anything else, our interest and sympathy with them.

To people who have not tried it condensed milk would suggest itself as a way out but while condensed milk may do very well for occasional use it is far inferior to fresh milk as a steady diet. I have found that infants cannot take it in sufficient quantities and soon lose appetite for it.

In view of the failure of the milk supply, often when most needed, Mrs Bliss urged me to keep some native cows but knowing what a care they would be and how unsatisfactory, I said I would never keep cows as long as I could buy milk at any price. The time finally came when our milkman's herd was taken by rinderpest & he declined to buy more. So we were forced to buy cows as otherwise the Kellogg children & Mrs Kellogg who had prolapsed bowel trouble would have no milk. This would doubtless mean the loss of their children who was in a very weak condition would die. Then there was our own baby who would not thrive

on condensed milk. Having cows meant close oversight, as the ordinary coolman cannot be trusted to take proper care. So determined that if I must take my time for this I would aim at something of permanent value and in fall of 1913 went to Chikili Province and bought an American Ayrshire bull to cross with native cows & so build up grade cows who would give a profitable quantity of milk. At the same time we bought an Ayrshire cow to furnish a present supply.

The oversight of the cows in addition to the hospital work meant keeping busy but seemed worth while until last October when an epidemic of rinderpest swept the country, taking most of our native cows & half breeds and finally our bull or two but I had hoped by strict sanitary precautions to escape it but this proved a vain hope.

This set-back was very discouraging but led me to study into rinderpest and have learned a method of inoculating calves which protects them against it for life. I have bought another bull

who has thus been inoculated so we can not lose him in the same way we did the other.

I have also learned how to make the serum for inoculating & can protect our own herd in the future. It would be a big thing to inoculate the cattle for the farmers & so save them the great loss they suffer almost every year. Cattle are the basis of agriculture even in the U.S. with its horses and machinery. How much more in China where cattle are the depended upon for ploughing, pumping for irrigation & for grinding grain. This year especially cattle are so scarce farmers have difficulty in renting them to do the necessary ploughing. Some say they cannot afford to farm any more, though what they can do in place I cannot see.

Now that the preventitive for rinderpest has been discovered this seems a great opportunity to help the people & increase their goodwill towards the Gospel. Do you think it is proper work for a missionary physician to engage in?

Respectfully yours

Edward L. Bliss.

Edward L. Bliss

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REC'D NOV 22 1915

Shaowu China
Oct 16. 1915.

James L Barton D.D.
Sec A.B.C.F.M.
14 Beacon St
Boston, Mass

Dear Dr Barton:-

I was greatly pleased to receive your letter of Aug 30 in which you express your approval of what we are trying to do to provide milk for Shaowu, especially for the babies & other patients

I felt that you would approve but in such a field as Shaowu where there are so many good and useful things ~~to do~~ a physician ought to that he must shut his eyes to many of them, it is often hard to choose. But for the last few years the feeling has grown with me that for Shaowu, the matter of milk is one of the fundamental things that our medical work must concern itself with. As Foochow the Chinese have been enterprising enough to furnish the foreign community with watered buffalo milk and there is also a ~~herd~~ dairy having a herd of Australian cows, But even so there must

must be little milk available for the Chinese sick. Here at Shaowu for more than thirty years we have been trying to induce the Chinese to supply us milk at nearly double the price at Foochow but the supply has not been sufficient for the foreign children and is decreasing rather than increasing.

Sometimes I fear I may be considered a crank on the milk question, but for the belief that milk is an essential for the proper treatment of many diseases there is good authority. This summer I have read a recently published book on Food in Health and Disease by an eminent authority, a university professor. He takes up the most common diseases one by one, and discusses at length the best diet for treatment. Out of the eighty-four diseases mentioned, he gives milk as the first article of diet in importance in seventy-two, and in twenty-four of these, as the exclusive diet during the acute stage of the disease. In six others it is mentioned as important and in only six it is not mentioned.

In many respects the medical work at Shaowu may be considered successful. The hospital apparently enjoys a good

reputation, for the daily attendance is from seventy to over a hundred. This is a good attendance for a place the size of Shaowu, but might be largely increased if it seemed wise. But after more than twenty years of this work, I confess to a loss of enthusiasm and somewhat of a feeling of discouragement about this sort of work. Most of the patients who come to us need nourishment and education in hygiene far more than they do medicines or surgery, and if our medical work is to be much more than palliative it must lead the way in these fundamental things.

As to the possibility of introducing foreign milch cattle into China, it might be considered impracticable without inoculation against rinderpest. That this protects seems proved beyond doubt by the experience of the dairymen in Shanghai as well as of many others in Africa, India and the Philippines.

Dr Koch in Africa discovered that if a quantity of bile taken from a cow at a certain stage of the disease was injected into another cow the second cow proved to be immune to the disease for three or four months. and also that blood or serum from a cow which had recovered from rinderpest contains an

antitoxin and if injected into another cow will protect that cow against the disease from ten to fourteen days. This is passive immunity.

Later Turner & Kolle in Africa demonstrated that if a small quantity of virulent blood (blood from a cow having rinderpest in the acute stage) is injected into a healthy cow that cow will have rinderpest but if a certain quantity of the antitoxic serum is injected simultaneously with the virulent blood the animal will have the disease in a modified form and after recovery be immune to rinderpest just as if it had had the disease naturally. When the inoculation was first performed practised there was a considerable percentage of deaths following it and the treatment was expensive. This with the trouble involved has probably prevented its being widely practised in Africa but later experiments by the British in India and by the U.S. Government in the Philippines has made the operation safer & less expensive.

The injection of bile or of antitoxic serum is a simple procedure ~~operation~~ and can be practised by a person of ordinary intelligence without special training. but is open to the objection that it protects but a short time

and to be of avail must be done before the animal is exposed to infection. The constant repetition makes it expensive. The inoculation is a more serious matter as the animal is made sick for a number of days varying according to the severity of the reaction. The preparation of serum requires great care. If lacking in strength the animal inoculated is lost. I have seen the inoculation performed in Shanghai and learned all I could from the veterinary who does the inoculation there and the dairymen who have had cattle inoculated now for several years. Some of the first inoculated have since been exposed and none of them have contracted the disease. So confident are they of the protection afforded that they pay $50 mex to the veterinary for each animal inoculated

I have studied into the making of serum at Shanghai & reading all the literature I could obtain from India & the Philippines and believe it can be made at a price within the means of the Chinese farmer. But I have not been able to make a start yet, because there are now no cases of rinderpest, so far as we can learn, in this vicinity and an acute case is necessary to furnish the virulent blood to make a beginning.

It will probably be impossible for me to do anything in this line before my furlough as I am planning to start home China New Year's time, about Feb'y 1st. That is the time the hospital year naturally closes. The patients & helpers all want a vacation at that time. After my furlough I hope to be permitted to give part of my time to making antituberculosis serum and teaching suitable men how to do the inoculations.

There is more that I would like to write along this line but this letter is already much too long for ~~anything~~ busy as you are to read, but I will take the liberty to write you another letter soon.

Respectfully yours
Edwood L. Bliss.

Edw. L. Bliss

Shawnee	Oct. 16-1915

A.B.C.F.M., Shaowu, China; November 20,1915.

Dear Mr. Kellogg,-

Your letter of Sept. 21st has come and it was good to hear from you and know that you were all deriving so much benefit from the change of climate and associations. I hope that the good work will continue.

First I will answer your question regarding the call from the mission for $15,000. for the new hospital at Shaowu. Not long ago the call was for $5000. and last year it was raised to $5000., and now to $15,000.; and if the good friends over home don't hurry up and stop the cry it may go to $20,000. next year.

It is a small sum compared with what is put inot even a small hospi-tal at home. After I got away from Shaowu and looked around a bit and had more time to think about certain things than while in the midst of the work, there was a change in my ideas of the kind of hospital we ought to build. It seems to me that there are two kinds of missionary hospital needed according to the stage of development of the medical work, pioneer hospitals, and permanent hospitals. The $3000 we asked for at first would build a pioneer hospital, which would an improvement on our present in appearance, but after all not much more serviceable. $5000. is to my mind too much money to put into a pioneer hospital at this late date, for it must be only a temporary affair, as a few years will doubtless see great changes in medical practice in China. The present style of hospital will be outgrown especially in a place like Shaowu where after forty years of medical work, western medicine is favorably known and has a large following. $15,000 is to my mind the least sum that wil meet the needs of Shaowu for years to come, and so be the most economical in the end. Probably Dr. Kinnear's hospital in Foochow has cost at least that sum, and there are much more expensive missionary hospitals in China.

Of course it has not been impressed upon you as it has upon me for how large an area and population Shaowu is the hospital center. More of the house patients come from Kiangsi than from Fukien. From Yen Ping to Nanchang (cir. 300 miles it is the only hospital, and at the latter place the hospital is under the charge of a Chinese woman. Moreover, there are not liekly to be hospitals built in Kiangsi for some time as the missionaries working there are not given to building hospitals, with my students Wen Sin at Sin Cheng Hsien, Tsi. Ken at Kien Chang Hsian, and Ts Tsia Sg. at Fuchiu Fu and probably another Geon at Nan Chang, the probably more and more patients will come this way, especially if we have a respectable hospital, There doesn't seem to me the least danger that we could not fill it with patients that ought to be in a hospital.

The trouble will be to have the Board appoint a staff to man it. But here again a few years will make great differences. Good medical schools and training schools for nurses are rapidly developing in China and doubtless some of our best boys will be glad to get such education under contract to help in the hospital after graduation, in return for financial assistance while in the schools. In fact the medical schools require post graduate work in a good hospital as a condition of obtaining a degree. That is another reason for our having a well equipped hospital at Shaowu, so that we may guard against our boys going off to other hospitals and forming ties in other places, and so be lost to us.

Then too there are several kinds of hospitals. In most of the large hospitals that I know of in China the work is largely surgical. For instance, last evening there came the report of an American Presbyterin Hospital at Cheefoo recently built. The cost was not stated but judging from the photographs of the building and equipment, it must have been a much larger sum than what we are calling for, At the end the report calls for an extra equipment of $10,150. gold. Its expenditures last years were $13,966. mex., besides the salaries of the two doctors and a trained nurse. Its sumary of house patients of the years shows 182 surgical cases. and only 22 medical cases. This is probably a fair example of the work in most missionary hospitals.

I do not wish to build a hospital with that idea. It is too oneside Surgical work is all right of course and very necessary. Besides it is striking and has a good effect on the public; but it does not get at the real needs of the people as does medical work. Only a very small fraction of the people ever need major surgical operations, but all of the people at one time or another, and many of them constantly, need medical attendance and careful nursing. All good hospitals of course give this (medical and nursing) side gical work, but it is out of proportion.

My professor in surgery at Yale prefaced his lectures with the statment that "a surgical operation is a confession of ignorance on the part of medical science. "We ought to be able to prevent or cure the condition for which we mutilate our patient." This statement has stuck in my memory all these years and its truth has grown on me. The conditions operated upon are due to faults of nutrition, and bodily mechanism, and it is up to professional hygiene and other remedies to prevent these.

Here at Shaowu there has always been a large proportion of medical cases, and it is my hope that it will always continue to be so for both dispensary and house patients, and even in an increasing degree. It is harder to win the people's confidence for prolonged medical treatment. If gained it is a greater triumph and will do more good in the end,-at least it so seems to me.

Now what are the most prevalent and deadly deseases among the Chinese of this region? Tuberculosis, pernicious malaria, and desease of the digestive tract. Then it seems to me that the chief problem before the medical workers here is to combat these evils, while at the same time doing our best with others.

Another reason for a more expensive hospital is that it is more likely to enlist the cooperation of the community. It will do the community more good if they have a share. We can go the gentry and say,- Here we have $15,000 gold to put into a hospital which will serve Shaowu for many years to come. We will build the hospital, but we call upon you to give for it the best site for the purpose in Shaowu. It seems to me that there is a strong probability that they will respond. What the best site all things considered will be it is hard to say, but of course we would insist on as good a site as Shaowu afford for the main general hospital. But would it not be wise to use part of the sum say $2500. gold, to build a sanatarium for consumptives on the cottage plan? The buildings would be light and inexpensive (the more air the better) but the sanitary and heigenic arrangements should be of the very best for

the treatment of the desease. I would have incipient cases for whom there is good probability of recovery, and thru them teach how to live so as to prevent the desease ~~and~~ or arrest its course and prevent its recurrence. Also I would have some advanced cases to furnish an object lesson on how to avoid infecting others.

Also I would use another part to build a collection of cottages for chronis malaria and those with severe digestive troubles. These often go together, the digestive troubles being ~~in~~ fact the reslut of the malarial infection. They should not be in a general hospital as they are a source of infection to other patients. I would try to make this minature village safe with screens and other sanitary precautions, rendering it free of mosquitoes and flies,- an object lesson of what cities and villages should be. Such a hospital would have, I feel, lots of visitors an

and be the topic of the day when it was ready to open and would need no other advertising.

A good place for these would be at Ku Vien Kiai where people are moving out and houses are being torn down, so that they could be bought cheap. There are acres of good farming land close by where many of the patients could do work suited to their strenght and besides being better for their health this would help to pay expenses. In fact, aside from the blessing such a sanatorium would be to the community, it could, I believe, be made largely self-supporting and so solve what to me is the greatest problem connected with the larger hospital, the financial one. The filling of the large hospital or the staffing of it does not trouble me, but the financing of it if conducted in the ordinary way would. The charges per day of the Cheefoo hospital mentioned are for the first class, $1.30; 2d class 1000 cash; 3d class 300 cash; with operations extra; and even at these rates there is a large deficit. The report expresses a doubt whether the most efficient hospital management could maintain a modern hospital plant in North China at a cost less than $.85 -$.90 gold per day. In South China the cost would be lowered as less heating would be required.

I am sorry that I could not give you these data earlier, but in the first place, I had not thought that you would be asked to raise money for a hospital. My thought was that it would be well to get mission approval so that I could see what I could do when my furlo came. So on my return to Foochow I mentioned my growing hopes to Messers Beard and Hodous, and requested that the subject be brought up in annual meeting. It seems to have been agreed to unanimously as I have heard nothing to the contrary. It was months before I learned what action had been taken. Since your letter to me stating that you were authorised to solicit funds for a hospital, I have thought more about the subject, and my ideas have somewhat clarified with the results that I am inflicting on you. Be assured that I am very grateful for your help and for the interest th that you are taking and always have taken in the medical at Shaowu.

A large share of the appropriation would go to the equipment of the hos-
ptial and one needs about as much equipment for a small hospital as for a
large one. Among the equipment about the first thing in importance is a dai
ry to furnish milk which nearly all of the patients need as much or more
than medicine. Think of what we could do for the digestive and chronic mal-
arial patients who get into such a condition that that they can at best dig
est barely enough of their ordinary coarse food to keep them alive. The mil
and cream are absolutely necessary for the proper treatment of tuberculous
patients The Shaowu Chinese seem to me to resist tuberculosis very well if
they only have a chance. You know how absolutely impossible it is to have
milk here for our own children and ourselves when ill unless to say nothing
of the Chinese patients unless we have a dairy of our own. Milk ihere is no
a fraction less than thirty centsZ(Mex.) a quartandprobably less than five
quarts to be had besides what our own cows are giving. As the weather grows
colder there will be very little if any ~~mkkidxx~~ except ours. A few days a
ago Uong.-Pau-kien, the teacher and monitor at the Boys High School died
suddenly. His digestion had not been right for some timeFfor which he had
the best treatmentII know as far as medicine gees, One after noon he was a
about, even doing a washing, but that night he developed violent symptoms
Which could not be checked and before evening he was dead. It seems certain
to me that a little milk while his symptoms were merely those of a simple
case such as we are having numbers of every day. If there were a good suppl
of milk I should naturally order it for all such casesbbut in this case it
would have had to be taken away from some one else who needed it. It is i
impossible for me to know in advance who needs it most. For lack of it one
of our mostcconscientious Christians and most valuable workers in his prime
when apparently his servicices would have been increasingly valuable for
many years. We would gladly have devoted a large amount of time and money to

avert this if we could have foreseen it. It is too late now for him but the are many others in the same dangerous state. Itis out of the question to ha have a lot of such patients in a hospital unless we intendnto provide for their proper treatment . Aside from the ethics of the tthing the anxiety is too great. You know as well as I that after more than thirty years of effort to have the Chinese supply milk it is useless to expect them to do i They simply cannot do so untill they are shown how a good dairy can be devoloped and managed. Then they will learn.

Besides withaa dairy of our own we cwn know just what it costs to produce a quart of milk here and sell at a fair profit so regulating the market price. From my experience so far it ismprobable that the cost would not be more than five cents(Mex.) instead of the thirty cenys charged now. With labor from twenty to twenty-fivecents(Mex.) a day and feed growing green in the fields the year round milk can be produced at a minimum price after one has a good start. At such a price we can sell all the milk we shall be able to produce for years to come. People are all the time coming to me, begging me to sell them some milk as a favor even at thirty cents a quart The demand will grow as fast as we can increase our output. The Chinese believe in milk as a ~~medicine~~ most valuable medicine and they are pe fectly right though we would call it a food . The milk treatment would af a while be very popular with patients and I know of nothing which would contribute so much to their health if we except sanitation and hygiene.

If we have a dairy we shall need ice so we must have an ice machine, Apa from the dairy ice is an essential to the proper treatment of many diseas which we have here. At least one ~~missionary~~ missionary physician said he would not practice here without one

A dairy or an ice machine is not considered essial to the equipment of most hospitals but under the circumstances existing here they are both v necessary.

Signed E. L. Bliss.

avert this if we could have foreseen it. It is too late now for him but the
are many others in the same dangerous state. Its out of the question to ha
have a lot of such patients in a hospital unless we intend to provide for
their proper treatment . Aside from the ethics of the thing the anxiety
is too great . You know as well as I that after more than thirty years of
effort to have the Chinese supply milk it is useless to expect them to do i
They simply cannot do as ugly they are shown how a good dairy can be dev-
eloped and managed. Then they will learn.

Beside within dairy of our own we can know just what it costs to pro-
duce a quart of milk here and sell at a fair profit so regulating the mar-
ket price. From my experience so far it is improbable that the cost would
not be more than five cents(Mex.) instead of the thirty cents charged now.
With labor from twenty to twenty-five cents(Mex.) and feed growing
there in the fields the year round milk can be produced at a minimum price
if one has a good start. At such a price we can sell all the milk we
shall be able to produce for years to come. People are all the time coming
to me, begging me to sell them more milk as a favor even at thirty cents a
quart The demand will grow as fast as we can increase our output. The Chi-
nese believe in milk as a most valuable medicine and they are per
fectly right though we would call it a food . The milk treatment would af
a while be very popular with patients and I know of nothing which would
contribute so much to their health if we except sanitation and hygiene.
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James E. Walker

Dr. Walker
Shanghai
Nov. 20th 1915

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Shaowu China
Dec 7 1915

Rev J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton:—

I enclose a copy of a letter which I wrote to Mr Kellogg a short time ago regarding the call for an appropriation to build a new hospital at Shaowu.

Very respectfully yours
Edward L. Bliss

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Dr Strong:-

Mr. Brewer requested me to write out detailed statement of the needs for the Shaowu Agricultural work and the way we would expend a possible appropriation of say $5000 yesterday I mailed such a statement to him and I am now making a supplementary letter addressed to you jointly

Very respectfully yours
Edward L. Bliss

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16 Allen St., Newburyport, Mass.,

June 8, 1916.

Rev. W. E. Strong and
Rev. D. B. Eddy,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

As you will doubtless meet with inquiries regarding the conditions which make the contemplated agricultural work at Shaowu necessary, I will describe them as they appear to me.

In point of numbers the medical work at Shaowu has naturally run ahead of the other departments. The two hospitals there, one for men and one for women, are responsible for an area measuring more than ten thousand square miles, and are favorably known throughout the region. The number of patients have steadily increased until three years ago the attendance at the Men's Hospital alone reached over 24,000 for the year. This is a larger number than one physician can attend to properly. So we had to choose between the larger number treated superficially, and a smaller number given more thorough treatment. We chose to keep down the number by raising the rates. In the midst of so much sickness and eagerness for our help, we can do little more than give an object lesson of what modern medicine and surgery can do. But most of our patients need nourishing food and improved hygienic conditions, even more than they do drugs or surgical operations, and we do not do our full duty until we help them in these things. The majority of our patients suffer from tuberculosis, tropical malaria, dysentery and other digestive diseases. The treatment of these patients is rendered more difficult by want of a proper diet. Many of them die for lack of milk. This is especially true of the babies. Judging from my own observation the majority of Chinese mothers do not have sufficient milk to nourish their babies properly,

even during the first half year. In the absence of cows' milk or other suitable substitute, they are fed food which they cannot digest. So among the babies there is a large mortality. Probably not more than three out of ten babies live to grow up, and of those who do, many are so poorly nourished that they fall an easy prey to tuberculosis.

So we have started a dairy in connection with the hospital, to furnish milk for the sick and babies.

For many years we have tried to have the Chinese furnish milk, but they could not make a success of it. The average native cow will not yield more than a pint of milk a day. Then there is the rinderpest, the most deadly cattle plague known, which nearly every year carries off large numbers of cattle. At Shaowu there has been three epidemics in the past four years. Formerly we thought the Chinese lost their cattle from rinderpest because they did not take proper care of them and that if we gave our cattle the best of care in a clean barn and kept them isolated from other cattle they would escape the plague. So we bought a cow and a bull, both of Ayrshire stock, built a fine barn, and exercised close supervision over them. All went well for a year when the rinderpest came and took our bull in spite of every precaution. This is the experience of all other owners of cattle there. One may escape it for a time but sooner or later his cattle are lost by plague. As the contagion does not necessarily pass directly from one animal to another but is also conveyed by feed, on the persons of attendants and by dogs, cats, rats and flies, it is impossible to protect against it by any method except inoculation which I did not know at that time.

Recently a method of inoculation has been discovered which protects cattle against rinderpest. It has been practiced at Shanghai for four years. Last year there was a severe epidemic among the foreign dairy

cows at Shanghai which left the inoculated cattle untouched. It has been definitely proved that it protects for several years, and probably for life. I have learned the method of inoculation, and hope to convince the farmers of its value. This protection will mean more, in a material way, for that region than any other one thing.

It is a beautiful country, a succession of mountains, hills and valleys. Wherever there is running water to keep the terraced fields inundated, rice is planted, but not much more than one-tenth of the total area can be thus cultivated. The rest of the land is largely waste. It has been denuded of timber, and given over to brush. Not long ago, much of this land was producing tea, but the market for this has been lost through the competition of machine-cured tea of Ceylon. Most of the land is fertile, and excellent for crops and pasturage. It could support millions of head of cattle, but chiefly on account of rinderpest, the farmer cannot keep enough cattle to work the rice fields properly.

The cow is the most valuable possession of the Chinese farmer. There is a saying that he can better part with his wife rather than his cow. Slaughter of cattle capable of working is prohibited by law. I suppose this is primarily because they are so scarce and hard to replace. But with protection by inoculation against rinderpest there would soon be many more than are needed for field work and they would be a source of food greatly needed by the people. Because the country is given over to producing one crop of rice, both men and cattle are greatly overworked during a few months of the year, and have much idle time at other seasons. Yet, with that wonderful climate, some crops will grow luxuriantly the year round. This waste land might produce

an abundance of many things which they now buy or go without. As it is now, the price of everything except rice is rising rapidly. The land is capable of supporting in comfort and real plenty many times the present population. As it is, the people are wretchedly poor, and growing constantly poorer.

Everywhere good houses are being torn down and sold for less than the price of the tiles and the brick which they contain, and several families are crowding into one house.

The people are really half-starved. It is a chronic condition with them,except at Chinese New Year's. Just before that time, many of them will sell off some necessaries so that they may know how it feels to be well fed once a year. No meat is allowed to go to waste; not only dying or dead cattle, pigs and fowl, but even dogs, cats and rats are eaten. We Westerners smile at the perverted taste of the Chinese, but to get down to the real reason, it is no laughing matter. It is simply due to a natural craving for meat which must be satisfied.

But without multiplying evidences of their poverty, it is evident that the people are terribly poor and the outlook promises increasing poverty unless something is done soon to forestall it.

I believe that Missionaries can do much to forestall it if they have the support, and that the future of our work there depends in large measure on how we meet this opportunity.

Such conditions should appeal to Christians for mere philanthropic reasons, but there are other reasons. There is too vast a difference between the standard of living of the Missionaries and that of the Chinese for us to have the best influence with them unless we show our sympathy and interest by doing what we can to better these conditions. Consistency with our profession of love for others as ourselves

demands this.

This work to better the living conditions will increase the efficiency of all departments of our work.

It will make our medical work more effective, saving life and health where now our efforts are wasted because the patients are insufficiently nourished.

The unhygienic way in which the Chinese live will be difficult to remedy while the community is so poor. Individuals can be taught the importance of hygiene, but most of the conditions demand ~~recover~~ improved sanitary arrangements which require considerable sums of money. This will not be possible until the land is made to return a better income.

It will increase the efficiency of the Missionaries among whom much poor health is due to the impossibility of obtaining proper food.

In the educational department, we find that a half-starved body means a lack of mental energy, and that for this reason it is impossible for pupils to do satisfactory work in school, or to make good use of their education after graduation. Many of those we train suffer from ill health, and especially tuberculosis to such an extent that the time and money expended on them is wasted, so far as their service to the Mission is concerned. We have lost some of our best workers in this way, and there are others for whom I tremble. With the most of our workers their period of usefulness is shortened, and they cannot work with the energy that they could if they were properly nourished.

Then we are looking forward to a self-supporting Chinese Church. With the great majority of our Christians farmers, their rice-fields constantly depreciating in value, and returning a decreasing income, what prospect is there for self-supporting churches? In spite of all

our efforts, we are going backward in self-support, and I believe this is inevitable.

So we at Shaowu consider an Agricultural Experiment Station a necessary part of our work, as an object lesson to teach the people how to use their waste land and waste time to furnish them the good food and other things they need. With thousands of square miles of fertile land lying waste, there is no good reason why a little milk or meat should be out of the reach of the common people, or why, for instance, a moderate sized fowl should cost the price of four or five days' labor.

We wish to have the Experiment Station connected with the school for boys, and give the pupils an opportunity to pay for their board and tuition by work instead of being given these things without effort of their own at the risk of pauperizing them. We hope, in this way, to bring under Christian influence, many boys why do not now come to us, and to teach them methods which will be of great use to them when they go back to their farms.

The leading Shaowu Christians are eager for us to undertake this work. They have given careful consideration to the subject and at their annual meeting heartily endorsed it. They have promised to furnish about two thousand dollars towards the expense. This is for them a very large sum when we consider the straightened circumstances of most of them. The Shaowu Station has voted unanimously approving the plan for the Experiment Farm and School, and requesting the Prudential Committee to appoint a man with the training fitting him to have charge of this work. In March the Ad Interim Committee of the Mission endorsed this vote, also unanimously. Thus all those on the field, Missionaries and Chinese Christians have

squarely placed themselves behind the undertaking, and we wish to lay the responsibility upon the friends of the work to furnish the funds needed to put it into operation.

Respectfully yours,

Edward L. Bliss.

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Edward L. Stone

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Shaowu, Fukien, China. Jan. 11, 1916.

Dr. JamesL, Barton,
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.
14 Beacon St. Boston.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

More and more the thought has been impressed upon me that this province, from its physical features and climate, ought to be a land of plenty, supporting in comfort a much larger population than now simply exists very close to the starvation line. In the midst of all this poverty and consequent wretchedness, the waste is simply appalling when you begin to take it in.

Miles and miles of fertile land, capable of producing three crops a year lying idle.

The rice-fields, practically the only land under cultivation, producingo only one crop a year, when they might also be yielding a crop of winter wheat, and many of them a crop of soyer beans in addition. Nearly everybody thinks only of raising one crop of rice at $1.50 a load when they might also be raising beans at $ 5. a load and wheat at $6. a load.

The rice-fields impoverished because of ignorance about fertilizing, not even the straw and the husks being returned to the soil.

Then miles and miles of of gently sloping hills, now covered with worthless brush, but capable of furnishing grazing the year round. As it is, at present the cattle are so scarce from rinderpest that many farmers will be unable to plough their fields this year, and there is every indication that the situation will become continually worse for several yearsto come because of the death of so many calves. I have recently studied into rinderpest, and learned at Shanghai the method of protecting cattle against it by inoculation. This protection removes the one drawback to cattle raising in this region.

Then all the bare mountains, many of them burnt over every year, which ought to be covered with valuable forests, As it is, fuel and lumber are becoming scarcer and dearer and still practically no trees being planted throughout the northern half of the province.

The water-power running to waste in the rapids, waiting to be turned into electricity, so affording a diversity of occupation to the people, many of whom have not the strenght for rice-farming which is the only important industry. For lack of diversity of industry even the farmers have much idle time on their hands which they cannot put to good use.

Many necessities which might be produced at home are brought here froma a great distance over wretched foot-paths.

So we might go on almost indefinitely. The Chinese appear to be very economical but it really amounts to saving the pennies and wasting the dollars. But to sum it all up, in spite of the great naturally resources the people are wretchedly poor and owing to the increaseof taxes and continual rise in the prices of the things they buy, they will be in a much worse state in the near future.

It has also been impressed opon me that we missionaries have a responsibility in this matter and an opportunity for helping the people and so winning an influence with them greater than is offered in medical or even educational work. It is of little real benefit to deal out medicines without doing something to relieve the faults of nourishment and hygiene which cause the diseases. A half starved bodymeans a lack of mental energy, which makes it impossible for one to do satisfactory work in school, or to make good use of ones education after gdaduation. Many of those whom we train suffer from ill health and especially tuberculosis to such an extent that the time and money expended on them is fruitless so far as their

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service to the mission is concerned.

Aside from the responsibility and duty, business foresight should lead us to try to improve the financial condition of our adherents. They are mostly farmers dependent on their rice-fields. Advance in taxes, cost of labor and cost of the articles they use are telling most heavily on them. In view of this, what hope have we is there of self-support, to which we are all looking forward? It seems to me that the Chinese Christian is a good contributor when his circumstances permit. An increase in income will, I believe, be attended with an increase in contribution, especially if the former is due to the leadership of the missionary.

Lately the conviction has grown upon me that for foreigners to give financial aid to Chinese, either individuals or churches, is attended with a good deal of evil. The practice involves injury to character. We should work out of it as soon as possible. But there are indirect ways of helping them materially, which are not open to this objection. We can use money to increase their capacity for self-help.

It has seemed to me that the simplest way to do this is to teach them how to turn the waste things about them into profit. So last summer I suggested to some of the leading Christians that they form a society to conduct an Experiment Station for studying ways and means for stopping the waste going on all about us. They were invited to enter into the plan not merely for the profit in it for themselves, but as something that they could do for their country and their church, as one of the fruits of Christianity.

They entered into the plan with great interest and later with enthusiasm. There was of course a good deal of discussion as to how the money should be raised. Finally it was decided to organize a company in which all the Christians connected with our Shaowu Station should take shares according to their ability. The Company should lend without interest a part of its capital (up to one half) to the Experiment Station. To this should be added what money Americans should lend for the purpose. In regard to this, I have been careful to promise them nothing further than my personal loan until the plan has the approval of the Board.

The balance of the company's capital is to be used to plant trees, raise cattle and other American live-stock and do general farming, according to approved methods. For the next year or two it will principally buy waste land and plant trees. Next will come live-stock.

To emphasize the fact that this is not a mere money making company they have put it into their constitution that one tenth of the annual profits are to be devoted to supporting Christian work other than the salaries of preachers, and another tenth to promoting sanitation and hygiene.

It is my hope that ultimately there will be a school connected with the project, where farmers' boys can study half the day and work on the school farm the other half, thus getting a fair education and learning good methods of work at the same time. We are not getting hold of the sons of our country Christians. ~~Such a school, preparing them for~~ The great majority of them do not attend our present schools, or Sunday schools or church services. So they pass the most impressionable period of life with only a very superficial influence for Christianity. Such a school preparing them for the occupation to which they are looking forward will apeal to them. It can be run at a cost within their means while the present boarding school can not. It would I believe be ~~widely~~ largely attended and thus bring many of our boys under direct Christian teaching and influence. It would tend to develop an independence in character which is lacking in those who are supported through the present school without any effort of their own.

I have delayed writing until we could be reasonably sure that the plan would materialize. The great difficulty has been to choose a location. Shaowu is so mountainous, that it has been difficult to aquire a farm in the immediate vicinity of ~~Shaowu~~ the city large enough to allow of doing all

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we wish, but now I am sure that we shall have it both large enough, and containing all the varieties of soil and all sorts of conditions to be found in this region. We are getting suitable land very cheap.

To a certain extent the Chinese, by themselves can carry out the purpose of the Agricultural Association, but for its full success an American with special training should come out to manage it for at least five years especially if there is to be such a school as described. I have encouraged myself with the hope that the Prudential Committee will approve the plan and send us a man, as they have in the case of Africa and Turkey. The plan has the approval of the members of the Station on the field, and also by letter of those on furlough. It is my purpose to ask the Mission to approve of the Experiment Farm and School and to call for a man to manage them. Only very recently has the idea taken definite enough shape to warrant Mission Action.

Probably there are not many men with just the qualifications for most successfully directing such an undertaking as has been started here. Besides the ordinary things required in a missionray, he should be a good farmer, a natural mechanic, handy with tools, and capable of keeping his farm machinery in repair, as there is no one in this region upon whom he could rely. He should also have good judgement and the ability to direct men. Some time ago, while thinking over the qualifications necessary, Mr. Urch, who last year was a teacher in the Foochow College, came to my mind as one having the qualifications in a marked degree, and upon mentioning his name to Mr. Storrs and Mr. Neff, who knows him better than I do, they heartily concurred.

His coming to help us would remove my one fear in regard to the success of the undertaking. Mr. Neff thinks the opportunity would appeal to him. If so I hope and pray that he will be appointed, for I believe that under the present conditions the right man for the job can exert an influence here greater than any of the rest of us, the men at least. The Christians are ready for the work. they realize the need, and will support one they trust. Many progressive men outside the church also will be interested and this will be another point of contact with them.

Shaowu, for many years terribly undermanned, has struggled along as best it could. The Prudential Committee in the recent appointments has done great things for us, for which we are very grateful. Before the door towards Shaowu swings back, we ask this one thing more to enable us to make up for some of the lest opportunities of the past.

While writing this letter, word has come of the authorization of another physician for Shaowu. His coming will meet a great need. I have long looked forward to the time when a young, up to date surgeon would come to take the bulk of the hospital work, and make it possible for me to do more for the great number of country Christians, who now with good reason feel neglected. But now that my hopes seem about to be realized, I am compelled to urge that the best qualified man possible for the agricultural work be sent precedence to a medical man. From a medical standpoint the agricultural man should come first, if one must wait. Both are greatly needed but the need for the agricultural man is more pressing. As I have tried to show in this and previous letters the agricultural work will be in a sense a foundation for the medical and other work to build on and It will make an enlargement of the medical work easier and of more real benefit. I realize the burden which the Prudential Committee has to bear in regard to appropriations but still have faith to believe that they will make both appointments, as I feel sure that there is money in the U.S. for the support of such work, without diverting any of the ordinary income of the Board.

Very respectfully yours,

Edward L. Bliss.

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Forty Thousand Patients a Year
By Edward L. Bliss, M. D. of Shaowu China

The attendance at the hospitals at Shaowu has reached 40,000 a year, but if there were ten physicians there instead of two, they would be (~~kept more than busy and~~) unable to respond to the demands upon them. The Chinese have wonderful confidence in the missionary physician. They need better food and improved hygienic conditions even more than they do medicines or surgical operations.

The Shaowu Christians are among the most respected and influential people of the community. One is a member of the national legislature and another a member of the provincial legislature. But the majority are farmers like nine tenths of the community. They formerly lived in comparative plenty through the tea trade but have lost that through competition with machine-cured tea of India & Ceylon. Now they are very poor and growing poorer.

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The mission has long since passed the pioneer stage. After forty years of preparatory work there is a strong body of Christians well versed in the Bible and full of faith and devotion. With fields all ripe for a rich spiritual harvest our chief problem is now how to provide for the support of our trained native workers. All or nearly all of the Christians give something. But when the daily wage of a skilled workman is only ten cents a day a man cannot earn enough to support his family properly to say nothing of contribution to the church.

Yet in Southern China there are lying waste thousands of square miles of land which if developed according to modern methods would make the community prosperous & capable of supporting their churches, schools and hospitals. At present we who have so much more of everything must help them financially but to do this indefinitely would tend to pauperize them. It is safer to teach them to develop their resources so that they may be self-supporting.

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"Forty Thousand Patients
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Edward L. Bliss, M. D.

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Newburyport, Mass.,

January 6, 1917.

Rev W.E. Strong, D.D.

14 Beacon St., Boston.

Dear Dr. Strong:-

Your letter of yesterday is received, reminding me that my regular furlough expires May 13. You enquire about the health of myself and family, and whether we shall be ready to sail at about that date.

You will perhaps recall that Mrs. Bliss and our three children returned to this country for health reasons eleven months before I did. I knew that they would require a much longer stay in this country than I was willing to make. My original intention was to leave Shaowu in January 1916 and return in February 1917, but because our force there was so depleted, I was unable to arrange my work so as to leave it until the last of March.

If I could be governed by my own wishes and health I I would start back immediately, but the health of our two younger children, whom we must take back with us, has not been good since their return to this country. They brought with them chronic malarial infection and are still under treatment for for this. For this reason it would not be wise for them to start for some months at least, and even if their condition should warrant their sailing in May as suggested, that would throw the river trip to Shaowu into July, the time of great heat and floods, when it is attended with the greatest danger,

We are therefore compelled to request an extension of furlough until the first of September, when we can make the

river trip and enter upon our work at the time suitable to that climate.

You speak of not seeing me recently. I have not been in Boston during the past two months, but, hope soon to have the pleasure of calling upon you.

Respsctfully yours,

Edward L. Bliss.

Newburyport, Jan. 6, 1917

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16 Allen St.
Newburyport, Mass.
July 9, 1917.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
14 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I enclose one of the pamphlets on the agricultural work at Shaowu.

People with whom I have talked about the undertaking appear interested and say it is a good thing to do, but very few have given any money for it. Probably this is partly because there are so many demands upon everybody for objects connected with the war, but doubtless it is largely due to my failure to impress upon people their duty and privilege to help in this particular work, in addition to the regular apportionment for missions in churches of which they are members.

The amount called for is $6,000. At present we can be sure of $2,500, mainly from my brother and other personal friends Of this sum $1,000 is for introducing the anti-rinderpest treatment which is fundamental to the success of the whole plan. The remaining $1,500 is all too little for purchase of livestock and implements, so there is nothing in hand for necessary buildings and additional land or for wages of help, which is of even more importance than either of the other two items.

It doesnt need any argument to show that it isnt economy to pay Mr. Riggs' salary without giving him better facilities to work with than there are now, and I fear that such a handicap would be rather discouraging to him.

The cost of labor and materials is constantly rising at Shaowu, so the expense of developing a small tract of land and erecting buildings would be less now than it would be later.

For these reasons I wish to request that the Board grant $2,500 from the general fund; $2,000 for buildings and $500 for maintenance for the first year.

Respectfully yours,

Edward L. Bliss.

Davenport,

July 7, 1917

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Kuliang, Foochow, August 18, 1911.

My dear Friends:-

We are here on Kuliang near Foochow for a few weeks this summer. We had a fairly good trip down the river requiring six days. Stopping twice on our way down on account of high water which delayed us as all a day and to have passed ing out on the rge bed for the of our part of ndressing room." en were tucked tire. n, and board ll this we slept his travel, also part were rather

raing. There were s, the "lords" of en to carry our boat over to shore, rriers could be ountain. Dr. kering but none (You will see in 4. About 80 lbs. a load.) Our last plan was to wait till the next day, so we went into Foochow city and spent the night with Dr. and Mrs. Skinner. We hadn't seen them for five years. Beside a short visit we saw their new house and the beginning of Dr.

THE EXPERIMENT FARM

AT SHAOWU, CHINA

ITS MISSIONARY VALUE

BY

EDWARD L. BLISS, M. D.

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By EDWARD L. BLISS, M. D.

SHAOWU is a city of Southeastern China. It is a mission center of the American Board for a district equal in area to Massachusetts. Though distant only two hundred and fifty miles from Foochow its nearest seaport, the journey inland requires from ten to fourteen days, either on foot or by boat towed by man power, up through more than a hundred swift rapids; for there are no railroads or even cart-roads within the district.

It is now forty years since the station was opened, but during the first half of that time the missionary work was in a pioneer stage, conducted mainly by means of annual tours from Foochow; and during the remaining twenty years, though twelve different missionaries have been located at Shaowu for varying terms, their total time on the ground amounts to less than a continuous residence of two men and two women workers throughout this period.

But in spite of the difficulties of travel in a field of such extent, and the meagerness of the working force, the results have been very gratifying. Opposition has been overcome and Christianity has weakened the hold of superstition and idolatry on the people to a degree beyond comprehension.

In producing these results our medical work has had a large share. It is wonderful what confidence the Chinese have in the missionary physician. There is no need for him to send

out notices or to advertise in any way, when he opens his hospital after an absence. The people have been watching and flock to him even before he is ready for them.

At Shaowu there are two hospitals; one for women under the charge of Dr. Lucy Bement and the Men's Hospital under the charge of the writer. The service at these hospitals has exceeded 30,000 treatments a year. Many times this number are cared for annually by the Chinese who have been trained in the hospital school to diagnose and treat the ordinary diseases. But if there were ten missionary physicians instead of the two they would not be able to meet the demands upon them. As far as our time and strength allow we give our services freely, but the great majority of our patients pay for their medicines.

Our educational department also has been carefully developed until we have in addition to our day schools, an academy for boys and one for girls, and two Bible Institutes for training men and women workers. But best of all are the thirty churches strategically placed throughout our extensive field, and the strong body of Chinese Christians, well versed in the Bible and full of faith and devotion to Christ and the church. Besides these there are many thousands of inquirers who welcome instruction in Christian truth.

So we may confidently affirm that the first stage of our missionary enterprise has been successfully completed, since large bodies of Chinese acknowledge their need of Christianity and welcome instruction. But this very success forces upon us a very difficult problem—how to provide for the support of the trained Chinese preachers and teachers needed to enable these inquirers to become intelligent, well-grounded Christians.

The query will immediately suggest itself: if these people are sincere why are they not willing to support their own ministers? It is not a question of their willingness but of their ability to contribute. It is entirely impossible for them unaided to provide an adequate support for their ministers. This is not because those who have accepted Christianity are the failures, the weaklings or the outcasts among the people. Quite the contrary. The Shaowu Christians are among the most highly respected and influential members of the community. One of them was recently elected to represent his district in the provincial legislature at Foochow, and another is a member of the national parliament at Peking. There is a fair proportion of scholars and merchants in the church, but in the United States none of them would be called wealthy. There one with an income of two hundred dollars a year is considered wealthy. The great majority of the Christians are farmers like nine-tenths of the people of China. They formerly lived in comparative plenty through the profits of the tea trade, but have lost this source of income through the competition of the tea from India and Ceylon, where it is produced more cheaply and of better flavor by means of modern labor-saving machinery. Now they are poor and are constantly growing poorer.

In spite of this poverty nearly all the Christians give something to the support of the church, with a willing spirit which should put us American Christians to shame, but even so they come far short of what is necessary; for where the average wage of skilled workmen, such as carpenters, masons and blacksmiths, is only ten cents a day, a man cannot earn enough to support his own family properly to say nothing of contributing to the church. These people are gripped by a bitter

poverty of which there can be no conception in this country. Think of it, ten cents a day to support a family! And the price of commodities is not correspondingly low. They subsist mainly on rice which costs them on an average about as much as wheat costs us in the United States, where the wage for day labor is from twenty to fifty times as much as theirs. For clothing they wear cotton cloth, much of which comes from this country, so they have to pay ocean transportation and duty. So scarce and dear is animal food that not a particle is allowed to go to waste. Even the heads and feet of poultry and the skin of sheep and goats are consumed. Cattle, hogs and poultry, dying or dead from disease, are butchered and eaten as a matter of course.

This deep poverty is all the more pitiable because it is really unnecessary. Their country is not, as many suppose, worn out or over populated, but is capable of supporting in comfort and real plenty at least twice the present population. It has unused but almost exhaustless natural advantages, a rare combination of wonderful climate with great agricultural and mineral resources and innumerable rushing streams to furnish cheap hydro-electricity. The people, too, are industrious, frugal and intelligent. When they have learned to employ modern scientific methods in their industries they will inevitably become wealthy and powerful.

But they have been in the ruts too long to leave them easily. Moreover they live too near the starvation line to risk any money in experiments. They need leadership to enable them to take advantage of our Western scientific methods, and there are none whom they will follow with such confidence as they will the missionaries, whom they have known too long and

too intimately to suspect of any other motive than a desire to help them.

Some years ago the Shaowu Hospital undertook a small dairy farm in order that the patients might have the milk, which is essential for the proper treatment of most diseases, of even greater importance than medicines or surgical operations. Such interest and appreciation have been manifested by the local Chinese that the idea has grown to include an Agricultural Experiment Farm which shall demonstrate to the farmers the possibilities of their vast acreage of excellent land now lying idle. The American Board has recognized the opportunity for service and widespread influence offered by such an enterprise and appointed a keen-minded, highly trained agricultural expert, who has gone to China to work out the problem of those hundreds of thousands of idle acres that will bring relief, uplift and economic independence to our Christians at Shaowu.

The first lesson that must be taught the Chinese farmers is the protection of their cattle against rinderpest, the most deadly cattle plague known. The epidemic has fortunately never visited the United States, but in China nearly every year it kills great numbers of cattle, so that now there are not enough left to plough the rice fields properly, and there is no milk for the sick or even for the babies. And yet there are many thousands of square miles of good land, much of it formerly valuable tea plantations, now lying idle, but capable of furnishing crops and pasturage to feed millions of cattle. A method of inoculation has been discovered by our scientists which protects cattle from this plague, just as vaccination protects us from small-pox. It has been practiced with suc-

cess in South Africa and the Phillipines. At present the required serum is on sale but at an unreasonably high price, so that it is far beyond the reach of the Chinese farmer. With suitable equipment we can make the serum at a price which they can afford to pay.

The cow is the most valuable possession of the Chinese farmer as he is dependent on her to plough his rice fields, for which the horse is not suitable. The preservation of their cattle is necessary to agricultural prosperity. With the cattle safeguarded, the Experiment Farm will be able to demonstrate to the Chinese many improved methods which will enable them to utilize their waste land and waste time to produce cheaply many necessaries which they must now purchase at a price enormously high in proportion to the rate of wages. This is fundamental to any real progress of the people along material, educational or spiritual lines. The Gospel is free it is true, but the preacher must receive his support from some source, and best from the people to whom he ministers; but under the present conditions, even the most able bodied of these people, however industrious they may be, cannot with their primitive methods produce enough to support their own families properly, to say nothing of contributing to the church. We who have so much more of everything than they must assist them to extricate themselves from their condition of financial dependence by such agencies as this Experiment Farm.

The local Christians are keenly interested and waiting for the opportunity to help make the undertaking a success. A number of them hold themselves responsible for raising $2,500 towards the initial expense, a very large sum for

such an impoverished people. The Christian farmers will be the first to take advantage of the improved methods and will profit by them. An increased income will mean increased contributions to the church. This is no mere guess. Many years of intimate association with the Chinese make the writer confident that they will in time become not only able but eager to assume the support of their own churches, schools and hospitals. A dollar expended to make this possible is worth more for far reaching results than a hundred dollars doled out as charity.

It is expected that in three years the undertaking will be sufficiently developed to pay its expenses, but meanwhile it needs funds for equipment as follows:

Additional Land and Buildings	$2,000
Additional Stock (Cattle, Goats, Poultry)	1,000
Equipment for Inoculating Cattle	1,000
Tools and Implements	500
Maintenance for Three Years	1,500
Total	$6,000

This statement of a very great need is an invitation to you to share in this practical method of meeting it. Let each one seriously consider whether from his comparative plenty he should not make a thank offering toward relieving permanently the dire need which fetters these Chinese Christians, his brothers and sisters in Christ, and developing their capacity for ministering to others.

Contributions may be sent to Mr. FRANK H. WIGGIN, Treas. of A. B. C. F. M., 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. These should be marked "Special Gift for Agricultural Work, Shaowu, China," and should be in addition to your usual contribution to missions.

If a brother or sister be naked and in lack of daily food and one of you say unto them, "Go in peace, be ye warmed and filled;" and yet give them not the things needful for the body; what doth it profit? Jas. 2: 16.

Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even the least, ye did it unto me. Matt. 25: 40.

Rec'd OCT 26 1911

Kuliang, Foochow, August 10, 1911.

My dear Friends:-

We are here on Kuliang near Foochow for a few weeks this summer. We had a fairly good trip down the river requiring six days. Stopping twice on our way down on account of high water which delayed us in all a day and a half. It would have been very dangerous to have passed on. This time we tried spreading our bedding out on the floor of the boat at night , making one large bed for the four of us which reached to the four sides of our part of the boat, using the brow of the boat as "undressing room." It was always night by the time the children were tucked away for the night and we were ready to retire.

The first few days were very warm, and board bottoms are rather hard, but in spite of all this we slept very well. The hard work which preceded this travel, also the loss of several nights of sleep on my part were rather favorable to sleep and rest as a result.

We arrived at Foochow in the morning. There were dozens of smaller boats on all sides of us, the "lords" of which were clamoring after us to allow them to carry our loads of bedding, food, clothing, and whatnot over to shore, but we did not want them on shore till carriers could be found to take the things directly to the mountain. Dr. Bliss spent an hour or so seeking and dickering but none were to be found for a reasonable price. (You will see in the picture here these men carrying a load. About 80 lbs. in a load.) Our best plan was to wait till the next day, so we went into Foochow city and spent the night with Dr. and Mrs. Kinear. We hadn't seen them for five years. Beside a good visit we saw their new house and the beginning of Dr.

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Kinear's fine (to be) hospital. It is really a treat to see a little outside of Shaowu sometimes. Dr. Bliss was successful in finding men in the afternoon to take our loads to the mountain the next morning, soafter breakfast he and Mr. Kellogg went about two miles to the boats to see that the loads got off all right. While I was left to see that Mrs. Kellogg, baby Kellogg, Ruth and Beth got up the mountain in safety. Although I have spoken the Foochow dialect so little in the past nine years, I still remember it very well, while the other four do not speak it at all.

Mrs. Kellogg and baby had one chair, Ruth and Beth another, and I another, so there were ten men in all to carry, (see chair and mode of carrying in picture), and among so many there is almost sure to be some "balky" member. This day as usual there was one. A meaner one I never saw. He was one of Mrs. Kellogg's bearers. His chief complaint was that Mrs. Kellogg and baby were too heavy for three men, which I knew well was not true. A number of times the chair was put down in the road and they declared they would go no further. I tried to reason with them, keeping cool and making believe not the least concern, but on the other hand much concerned.

There was a very nice young man carrying on my chair whom I had seen from time to time ever since I first came to China, (he at first aquaintance was a little mountain boy) and I had him reason with this contrary one.

There were a number of such long delays on the way, which delayed us several hours, making the three hour trip five hours. Just before we reached the top of the climb the coolies stopped to rest at a little wayside inn. It was fortunate it happened that while we were there a very heavy

#3. shower came upon us. The one little room was already crowded with Chinese who also happened to be near there at the right time, but you know there is always room for one more, this time five and the top was reached! Mrs. Kellogg was not left behind between here and Foochow. We did not get wet; no chair poles were broken and we were not compelled to walk up the steep ascent of 2000 feet, but we were most terribly hungry and my unusual amount of responsibility for bearing, along with so much of my persuasive energy being consumed, left me ready for a pill or powder if my Doctor husband had been within reach, but alas, he wasn't. By the time he reached the top of the hill some of my needs had been supplied and I was feeling quite natural.

Sept. 1. I am writing this letter this morning while a typhoon is raging outside. The blinds are nearly all closed and we can scarcly see what we are doing. If it grows any stronger we must close all the blinds and light the lamp.

Typhoons usually last about three days, the second twenty-four hours being more intense than the beginning and end. Sometimes one typhoon follows directly onto another. This however is rather rare. Some years the whole summer passes without one visiting us, while other years there are a number inside a few months. We are glad they are unknown in the interior.

You may be interested in knowing how our bungalows resist(sometimes they do not) such wind and rain. They are one story usually having three rooms. The outside walls are about two feet thick of irregular shaped stones weighing from twenty to sixty pounds which have been blasted out of large rocks very abundant here. The roof is laid with tiles held in position by pieces of rock placed every few feet apart. But these bungalows though so very strongly made would resist a

typhoon a very short time if there were not a strong wall also of large stones built on the north and east---these are the sides which are struck by the typhoon. These, however, are tremendous, standing higher than the roof of the house, some measuring as much as ten feet thick. Our houses here all face either south or west on account of this.

Sept. 3. I stopped writing; the typhoon still rages. I never passed through such a long spell of rain this time of year, even in winter, the rainy season, it would be rather unusual. No sunshine for five days. During a typhoon the wind comes in gusts, with intervals of a few minutes comparative quietness.

The house is getting very damp as some of the tiles were moved by the first day of wind. Fortunately our furniture, books, and clothing are limited to the necessary here on the mountain, no pictures beside magazine pictures, no carpets or draperies. Our life here is simple to extreme. We have just hung rubber blankets and rain clothes over our beds to keep them dry.

Sept. 6. There is less wind today, but the rain continues. There isn't a spot three feet square in the house that hasn't had any dripping. The floor under our beds is the largest space we have that is dry. We sit on our beds, and deep window seats. The rooms are getting very misty. The mist is so heavy we cannot air the house to any extent; it would fill the rooms if windows and doors were open. Our clothes and beds would be much damper than now. The plain between here and Foochow is flooded with water. We fear the rice crop may be ruined.

It is rather a queer coincidence that this typhoon, rather series of typhoons, came just at the time when Dr. White-the President of the New York Bible Training School-with his brother, Mr. Campbell White, were coming to be with us. Many of us had been looking forward to their coming as a great boom

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to our spirits a whole year. My! the poor missionary gets so hungry for such teaching and spiritual uplift.

The typhoon began just as their steamer left Shanghai at which time they telegraphed us of their departure. It was seven days before we heard a word of what had become of the steamer. We greatly feared it was wrecked. They finally reached us in safetyafter passing through much peril. They told us that as they were leaving the sea, entering Foochow harbor, they felt sure that the ship was destined to destruction. Since their arrival amidst storm and rain they have held their meetings regularly as though it were the most pleasant weather, and we have tried to be faithful. We feel well repaid for our little discomfort. Such men one seldom meets; such instruction one seldom hears.

How I wish that every young man and woman in the homeland expecting to enter Christian work would take a good course of Bible study such as is offered in the New York Bible Training School. I am sure that it would not be a mistake. Here in this province of Fukien there are three missions working together, and in the city of Foochow each has its Theological School, its Colleges and its Kindergarten. Union of these branches of work is the general theme of progress in the missionary sphere in China now. Union has been brought about in Pekin and Nanking, and union is surely coming in Foochow. It is a great labor and money saving. Here the union Kindergarten work is now in progress and a union Bible Training School is being agitated. When these three Missions-English, Methodist, and Congregationalists-unite in their educational institutions, a great step in advance will have been taken.

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It is four years since we were here in Kuliang. There are certainly benefits gained by coming, but we shall probably be at Shaowu next summer. We feel it has also been a real blessing to Ruth. Here she has so enjoyed going to school with other children, and mingling with them at other hours of the day, We regret taking her back to Shaowu where she will have only one little sister as companion. I think I must plan some work for some of the little Chinese children in which she shall have a part.

With kindest Christian Greetings to every one of you, my friends-

Yours very sincerely,

Minnie M. B. Bliss.

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Minnie M. B. Niles.

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Secretary

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Dr. James L. Barton
14 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton —
In the minutes
of the July mission
meeting of your Foochow
mission you will find
the following vote —
"Voted that the mission
unite with Miss Brown
in asking the American
Board for the privilege
of returning to America

Pres. Edward C. Oldham
to friends

for the summer of
1915 – Miss Brown to
meet her own expenses" –
When I started for
Foochow nearly two years
ago it was the plan
that if the mission
and the American Board
were willing I should
return to America for
the third summer. Of
course it was too far
ahead to plan definitely

and the whole scheme
partook of the nature of
an "air castle". Fully
as much as of an
actuality. However as
time has gone on it
has seemed possible to
carry out such a plan -
and so I asked the
mission to unite with
me in making the re-
quest at this time as
I wanted to write to
you in time to receive

your answer by Fall.

My plan is to leave Hoochow after school closes in June going immediately to America via San Francisco or Seattle and returning in time to open the school again the first week in October. That is the time of opening this year. We closed this summer on June 16th & will probably close about the same time.

schedule next year. My trip would not interfere at all with the school work and I would not be separated from it any more than those who leave Fort for the summer tho in actual miles I might be further away.

My reason for asking this privilege is this. Father is seventy-four years old and if he lives until my furlough

is due he will be
seventy-nine. He is
well and strong and I
hope seventy-nine will
find him still active
and as able for service
as he is today. But
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him with us I am ea
to return and see him
for a short time nex
summer. Since my br
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you would be the last
one to blame me for
wishing to take advan-
tage of it.

I know that before
granting such a request
you would like to know
how I am getting on
with my language study
etc. and to save time
I will just say briefly.
I took full charge of
the new Bible Woman's
Training School which
opened this year in

March. The year-end examinations due in June were passed on time and with the summer ahead of me free for a time I fully expect to get the last six months work off by the end of the year.

The summer started in as tho we were going to have rather a rainy time of it but when it rains it is cooler so there is always something to be gained

Quite a number of our mission will be at Sharp Peak instead of Kulang this year. Miss Strang, Miss Dornblaser and I have Dr. Kinnear's house down there and find it very enjoyable. We had planned to return today but a heavy rain delays us.

The mission meeting closed Saturday and was very enjoyable indeed.

Awaiting your reply with
a certain degree of eager
ness, I am

Yours sincerely
Daisy D. T. Brown

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Mr. Enoch F. Bell.
14. Beacon St.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Bell —

Your letter dated August 27th, with reference to my proposed trip to America for the summer of 1915 is before me. To say that I was surprised at the attitude taken by the Board is to put it mildly. In view of the fact that members of all the missions in Foochow leave port for the summer and spend the time sight seeing in Japan, Korea or even Europe, I had not thought of the possibility of your objecting on the ground of language study. This summer there were eight people from Foochow, not

counting Mr. Hodous who went partly for study, who spent the summer at some resort or resorts in Japan and North China. Most of them were young women who had been out only a first year and one, to my knowlege, was not thru her language course yet. Of course the fact that they went does not prove that it was a wise thing to do but I heard no suggestion from missionaries who had been longer on the field that it was considered unwise from the point of view of efficiency. When I have mentioned the possibility of a trip home the one thing that has invariably been said is - "it will greatly increase your efficiency."

Your letter suggests that it is the opinion of the Board that our efficiency would be lessened if they

took a summer, of the first term at least, away from language study. Between these two opinions, that of the Board at home and that of missionaries on the field, I do not feel like judging. Wouldn't it seem, however, that when one has "pegged away" to the limit of her strength — be it much or little — on language study month in and month out for thirty odd months that even her language efficiency would ~~would~~ be increased if she would go away and forget it for awhile. After talking with quite a number of missionaries about it I am so thoroughly convinced that such a rest would add rather than take from language ability that I had already planned with another young lady that in case I did not go to America we would

at least ask the mission for permission to leave port for the express purpose of letting our minds rest up & become freshened and of getting some new ozone into our systems and some new ideas in our heads that we might give better service to the cause we represent.

As to the summer months being the time for best study - they certainly have not been such for me. My language study has amounted to practically nothing the two summers I have been here. This summer I averaged less than an hour for a day and that was a constant effort. Thru the nine months of the fall, winter and spring I studied hard and was able to do it and enjoyed it but in the summer I cannot do it. I tried these two summers but the results do not pay

for the effort put forth. I could do easily in a few weeks in the fall what I did with effort during the three months of the summer and the added strength gained thru complete rest would more than make up for the time.

There are some who are very strong and who do not find the climate enervating who can study hard thru the summer but in talking with quite a few other new missionaries I have found that my experience is not at all unusual. So many said in substance this - "Yes, I try to study, but I find that about all I accomplish is to tire myself out"

It is true that the examinations are but the beginning and it is often said in jocular mood - "when I get thru with the language study course then I will try to learn

to talk" — but one certainly learns to talk very little Chinese in the summer. That is the one time of the year when there are very few Chinese about and when the missionary is too tired to listen to any more Chinese talks even tho there were opportunity.

Yes I think missionaries should and do take advantage of every opportunity presented in vacation time but to me the vacation opportunities are most of them along other than language study lines — and these other opportunities could be taken advantage of on board a ship as well as in any other place. I speak of the opportunity of Bible study and spiritual growth. One member of our mission expressed it this way in a devotional talk — "the summer vacation is pre-eminently a time to get better ac-

quainted with Christ".

Now, Mr. Bell, I hope you will not misunderstand this letter. I have no desire to insist unduely — but only to state the matter as I see it in a perfectly free and perfectly frank manner. Whatever the decision of the American Board may be I shall of course abide by it. If I thought for a moment that such a trip as the one proposed would lessen my efficiency in any way I would not ask for the privilege. I have tried to look at it fairly from all sides and I truly think efficiency would be increased rather than otherwise. Certainly others who go on the more extended summer trips come back with new enthusiasm, new vision — in short new life which includes the ability

to talk better Chinese.

In regard to Father - there is no reason for grave concern so far as I know. Since writing you in July home letters have told of returning heart trouble from which he suffered some year ago but from which we had thought he had entirely recovered. I have yet to learn from my brother, who is a physician, as to its seriousness. If Father lives and is well when I go home on furlough in 1919, the disappointment of not going in 1915, should the Board so decide, would in time be forgotten. If he should be taken from us before that time sorrow would be added to sorrow because of the broken plan - However that possibility was considered before I came out and I was willing to face it and am still willing to if God so wills.

When members of the missions leave Fort for the summer they do so with the consent of the mission without conferring with the home Board. I think that is true in all the missions and am sure you must see the wisdom of allowing that much liberty to your representatives. That being the case I do not see that I am asking any special privilege. It was simply because my ~~plan~~ destination was America — instead of Korea or Japan — that I felt I would rather acquaint the home Board with the plan.

You speak in your letter of the statement I make that "it was the plan that if the mission and the American Board were willing I would return to America for the third summer".

~~This~~ This was the plan of my own family. Do I not say "before I left home it was the plan etc" – Perhaps not. Anyway that was so plain in my own mind that it didn't occur to me that my sentence was ambiguous. I am sorry if I gave you any wrong impression there – it was not my intention I assure you.

Awaiting with some degree of eagerness to hear from you again I remain,

Yours very sincerely,
Daisy D. M. Brown.

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Mr Enoch F. Bell
14 Beacon St.
Boston. Mass.

My dear Mr. Bell —
Your letter of November 19th telling me that the Board has authorized me to go home next summer came in due time and brót rather an unusual amount of joy. Merely to

say "thank you" seems e
tirely inadequate. There
is a way of saying thank
you in Chinese that fi
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idiom which translated
would be - "with very mu
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I should get away this summer if possible.

My last language examination was taken just after school closed this winter so now the course of study is out of the way and I can "learn to talk" or try to. As you say, some of the hardest work in language comes after the course is finished. It is more closely connected with the work you do that day & the

next, however, and so it seems it must be more interesting — tho the course has not been dull in any sense of the word.—

Will you kindly carry my word of thanks to the Prudential Committee.

Very sincerely
Daisy D. M. Brown.

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In the first place you cannot, I am re, know how keenly some of us who have refused me the first to take sides in this long anding quarrel feel the injustice of the y in which this final result has been

brought about. It has been done so secretly - many of the mission have known nothing of what was going on - they never dreamed that private letters of any sort were being sent to the Board regarding Mr. & Mrs. Peet or regarding a state of great disharmony in the mission. Why had every thing been kept so securely under cover? Sub-marine attacks are to be deplored even in war. Can they be considered honorable among missionaries on the mission field?

Any one acquainted with the previous history of the case must know that when Mr. Mrs. Peet returned to the mission there would be a disturbance in the undercurrents which would make a visible disturbance on the surface for a time. That, it seems to me, was inevitable. Even if Mr. Peet had made no least mistake that result would have followed his return because feeling had run high among his Chinese friends ever since he left the college. No matter how hard he tried to quiet the feeling that existed he would be powerless to control it altogether. There had not yet been

time for matters to right themselves & settle down to normal when these letters were sent home regarding the matter.

Another thing — you say in your letter (to Miss Perkins) that you had had no letters save one from Mrs Hubbard (and the one from Miss Perkins which came after the action was taken) which stated the other side. I cannot somehow make it seem right that the action was taken against the Peck — based on the statements of so few — especially when those few were among those most liable to be prejudiced against Mr. Peck.

Some of us saw the last letter that went to Boston. We supposed it was the beginning of action instead of the "last straw" feeling that it was not a fair statement we wrote immediately to Boston but it was too late. The thing was already accomplished

and no one had known until it was
too late to do any thing.

Mr. Peet has doubtless made mistakes
since he came back. I make no denial of
that fact. In the situation in which he
has been placed he would have been far
above the average had he been able to
keep from all mistakes but there are
others of us who have made just as
grievous mistakes in dealing with the
same problem during the past months.
Mr. & Mrs. Peet have certainly tried very hard
to be true to the promises they made to
the American Board were constantly gaining ground
in their general attitude & spirit. But their
position here was practically impossible - no
matter what they said or did their motives
were impugned.

Thirdly - You say in your letter to me
that the "general effectiveness of the mission
would be best maintained by the Peets

withdrawal rather than by the withdrawal of
other & the leaving of the Peck in Foochow".
That may be tho I like to think that the high-
est effectiveness would have been reached thru
our learning to work together & overcoming that
thing in our midst which would seem to make
it necessary for some of our number to be with-
drawn. But be that as it may. I may be
wrong. I am willing to waive that point.—
Perhaps it was necessary for the Peck to be asked
to sever their connection with the mission.
And now, please, Dr. Strong — do not misunder-
stand me. There is not a particle of bitterness
in what I say. I am not blaming nor do I
wish to blame anyone. The American Board has
stood in a very difficult place. It was as
you say a very hard thing to do. All that I
understand perfectly. But I wish with all
my heart that the message that came to us &
to the Peck might in some way have express-
ed more fully the sympathy I know you
all felt for the Peck. Couldnt it have done
that and still have been firm?

I cannot think that it was the intention of the American Board to stop Mr. Peet's pay immediately without a week's notice - with no time to pack goods & nothing to live on until a sailing date could be arranged by the business agent. That I must think is a misinterpretation.

We have been praying for many months that you might be guided in your action regarding this matter & that we might all of us learn the lessons God has for us thru these experiences. Our prayer now is that we may each be kept from bitterness and from unjust judgements - that we may never lose faith in our fellowmen & in the righteousness of the motives that control their actions.

I have written to you very frankly indeed Dr. Strong, & I hope you will accept the letter in the spirit in which it is sent. I feel keenly regarding this matter. If I am wrong I am willing to be set right but as the whole thing turns itself over and over in my mind there is always the sense of injustice because of the three things of which I have written.

It seems certain that if you in Boston could have known both sides instead of all of one side your action would have been different and at least the sting of injustice might have been removed.

I am conscious of a sense of awful failure — we as a mission have failed. There is here on my desk a calendar sent with Christmas Greetings from Dr. & Mrs. Moore. On it are these words in large letters — "Love never faileth" — We have not had that Love of which Paul speaks or we would not today be hindered by the bitterness & mistrust which makes it impossible for us to do our best work. If an unhindered Christ had been at work thru the lives of each one of us this re-call would never have been necessary. May God help us — thru this failure to learn our own weakness and in His Power to let our lives be so Christ-filled that another such failure may not

be possible among us.

May I say again that I hope you will not misunderstand what has been said nor the motive that lead me to say it. It has not been said in bitterness nor in any spirit of fault finding. But feeling as I did about it silence was impossible and fairness demanded that I speak directly to you.

Hoping to hear from you again.

Yours sincerely,

Daisy E. M. Brown

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Mt. Kuliang,
Foochow, China,
August 18 1912.

James L. Barton D.D.
Secretary A.B.C.F.M.
Boston Mass. U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Barton:-

"I have great pleasure in reporting" in the full sense of the words, the progress of the work for women and girls in Ing Hok District these last two years.

Miss Meebold's coming was very much to us all. You know of her progress in the language, her earnest evangelistic purpose, and early taking hold of the country work and the charge of the Bible Women and Day Schools. Indeed I felt a good deal, like Simeon of old, to paraphrase - "Now lettest Thou thy servant give herself in peace of mind to the Girls' School, for mine eyes have seen the salvation

of the country work". Then came her engagement to Mr. Christian, then the Revolution, and then their wedding, when it seemed impossible for us to get up to Ing Hok before the fall.

By the end of March, however, I was able to go back and open the Girls' School. Pupils and teachers worked eagerly and faithfully to make their grades, and the term, though a month short, was well worth while every way.

But of all, at the end of the term, I was able to make a two-week's tour in our Ing Hok mountains, before coming to Kuliang. The people were surprised enough to see me that time of year, and their welcome heart-warming. You know what that is. Everywhere the new opportunities pressed upon me so it was only by sheer <u>reason</u> that I kept myself quiet to come away, knowing that the six weeks' rest meant better quality of work all year, as well as correspondence, study and other desk-work.

At Ing Hok City we have been greatly encouraged by the movement toward Christianity among the business men who have been apparently unresponsive before. Many are neighbors near the Girls School, with shops on the River front below the church. Others live there and will be very close to the new church when it is built on the lot near the City Wall and East Gate, ~~already purchased when you were here.~~ ~~Mrs Smith has probably written you of the Mission Hall~~ or "Christian Club" they opened at their own expense, as a Reading Room and place for Gospel meetings and Bible Classes. I have been specially interested in the women of these thirty and more homes thus opened most cordially and earnestly to the Bible Women and myself. A number of girls are on our waiting list from these families already. One of the leaders among our Christian young men is

our Mr. Ciëng (Cash) of the Girls' School, who has done much voluntary work evenings and Sundays, in addition to his class work all the Spring Term. This Summer he is keeping the Pastor working altogether with these young men. Knowing him as a day-school boy in the mountains North of Foochow fifteen years ago, then in College and now in Dig Work; it is a constant inspiration to do all in my power in making the school-days count for all they can in each child's life; just this being associated with him and his wife in the School work.

We were to have graduated our first class last year, but the term was cut short by the Revolution. Our first girl to enter the College work at Ponasang was to have graduated this year, but she dike our class is taking additional work because of the interruption. She will not graduate till next year, and our girls at the end of this coming Term.

It is the year of years to be working

*(one who started there during my furlough and has continued there through the College course.)

in china! You will understand how much more good health, good helpers and a new associate coming, mean in this Golden Year, and with all this wealth of opportunity pressing upon us.

Miss Strang's coming announced from Boston by the Mission Secretary some time ago was indeed good news to find in Foochow City at the end of my tour. It will be specially pleasant that we are both from Oberlin College, though twenty years apart. At Commencement time she and my Mother met for a short visit, and my class ('92) at their Second Decennial Reunion asked her to sit in my place. All we hear of her is most attractive, and I trust her way may be opened to Ing Hock by the Master's own clear guiding. Mr. and Mrs. Christian have done everything possible to do by prayer and by letters to help get some one. Mrs. Christian says she thinks herself happiest of us all in the hope

of Miss Strang's speedy coming to the Mission.

With four new women workers this Fall, Foochow is indeed rich. But grateful as we are, please remind home freinds of what we have to keep constantly in mind that these recruits are so far just filling up the ranks, so many have had to go home, beside dear Miss Newton and Miss Hall. But, thank God, we are a good deal more than "marking time" these days in the work, In our very weakness of numbers this our wonderful working in ways we do not know how to ask or even think, is so clear and so inspiring!

With all good hope for China,

Yours very sincerely,

Caroline E. Chittenden.

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Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

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As they come from the Islands, though not from Jaluit, I had thought your most direct word would come through them, as they would know the condition so much better.

As soon as we docked at San Francisco I ntroduced this Nurse to the representative from the Boaod office, who met Miss Garrettson, the Blacks,and myself. Later I went with her to the office and to the Bank,where one of the stenographers escorted.us. I had thought you had heard of the Marshall Island situation from the San Francisco office long ago. But I regret most deeply that my delay in reporting the journey home should have in any degree affected the matter.

A Night Letter will reachyou before this does,dated Sunday evening.

I will enclose a copy of it.

As to myself, I am most thankful to report good health although I am more tired from the long trip than I probably yet realize. A little time with relatives on the Coast prevented the weariness from going beyond the fatigue limit,and friends here all remark how much stronger I seem than on last furlough. My Mother is not strong, and we shall remain here, at the address given above, during the Winter and Spring; keeping house in a small way. I had hoped to study in New York, and get up to Boston, but do not see beyond the present need just now. There is good word from China,and the prospects were brighter than ever when I left. It was indeed good to learn of Miss Waddell's appointment.

Just as I was leaving San Franciisco word came of Miss Grace Wykoff's call Home,and it was a great privilege to be one of the many

friends who did the little anyone could for Miss Gertrude and a sister from the East, Miss Mary.

Below I add the Night Letter;

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HOPPIN MAAS HEINE AT JALUIT.

BALDWINS WITH GIRLS SCHOOL KUSIAE.

ALL WELL.

AUSTRALIAN STEAMER BOINGS PROVISIONS.

JAPANESE SHOW ALL COURTESY.

MISSIONARIES OFFERED TRANSPORT YOKOHAMA.

DECISION TO REMAIN ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY.

NO LETTERS DATED AFTER WAR RECEIVED.

NO LETTERS ALLOWED IN OR OUT.

HAVE WRITTEN. REGRET DELAY.

CHITTENDEN."

Trusting that this will reach you in good season, and again regretting the delay,

Yours very sincerely,

Caroline E. Chittenden.

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TWIN SCREW STEAMER

CALIFORNIA.

Off Scotland
Aug. 15, 1910

Mr Enoch Bell
Boston Mass

My dear Mr. Bell:-

I want to send a few lines to you before we start on our touring trip through Scotland, just to let you know how much I appreciated your kind letters which I found awaiting me on board ship. It

Sabin and feel that the fellowship has done us both good.

You may rest assured Mr. Bell that I go to my field of labor ready to give away to those who are able to give suggestions and I am sure there will be no friction on my part. As I go I pray that the Lord will use me in His own way.

Let me again thank you for your kindness to both Powers and myself. With best wishes I remain Yours most sincerely

Thos. J. Sheridan

was very thoughtful of you to remember us before sailing. The letter for identification and aid in case of need which you enclosed I value and keep it in my letter case with my bills etc. I trust I may not need its assistance but appreciate the thoughtfulness which it manifests.

Our journey across the water has been very pleasant indeed. Very little rough weather, comfortable service and congenial fellow passengers have made the trip a most enjoyable one. Mr. Powers and I occupied the same

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Foochow China, Oct 27, 1910

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.
Boston Mass

My dear Dr. Barton:

Just as the sun was disappearing behind the Western hills on Oct. 25th, the Japanese launch, which had conveyed us up the Min River, drew up to the jetty in Foochow and the journey which started Aug 6th was at an end. I have no words wherewith to describe the joy that filled my heart as we turned the bend on the river which gave me my first glimpse of Foochow.

Both Mr Peet and Mr Hubbard were awaiting my arrival at the Pagoda anchorage and extended to me a most hearty and cordial welcome. As soon as all was ready we made our way up the river to Foochow some fifteen miles distance. I found a sedan chair awaiting me as I stepped from the launch. Mr. Peet cared for my

luggage and we started for the Mission Compound. The doaylay along the jetty, up thru narrow alley ways crowded with fruit stands and native shops, across the Bridge of a Thousand Eyes connecting the south suburb with the City, thru' the main thorough fare along the fish market to the City wall. Turning into a series of short streets, we were making our way toward the Compound, when a signal from the College Monitor, who had preceded us at some little distance, caused long strings of fire crackers to be set off and thru this did we passed, welcomed by the entire student body, drawn up in a double line. A few moments later we entered the gate and passed into the Station Compound where I was again greeted by the many friends at the Mission. What a welcome for a new comer to receive!

After the evening meal served at the table of Mr and Mrs. Peet, we went over to Smith Hall one of the College buildings and there were most cordially received by the College boys who had planned a reception to honor their President on his fiftieth birthday and at the same time welcome the

new comer.

The programme for the evening, showed how great pains had been taken to make the occasion an enjoyable and I am sure it would have done credit to an American student body. As I sat alongside of the College President, Mr. Peet on the platform and looked into those two hundred or more bright, eager faces, I breathed a prayer of thanksgiving that God had led me to China and especially to this great field of opportunity. To have a part in the upbuilding of His Kingdom in the hearts of these young men is more than I could have asked or hoped for and my prayer is that I may speedily acquire the language and so be able to take my part in the great work which is being done here.

I want to thank you Dr. Barton for all that you have done for me and those associated with you and my prayer is that you may never be disappointed in the

choice you have made. I can only ask you to be patient with me in the days of language struggle which lie ahead. With the very best wishes to you all and prayers for God's richest blessing, I remain

Yours most sincerely
Leonard J. Christian.

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Kuliang, Foochow, S. China,
June 27, 1911.

Rev. James L. Barton
Boston, Mass.,

My dear Dr. Barton:- Yours under date of Mar. 30th reached me Apr. 28th while in Inghok, and I took to thank you for the words of encouragement and suggestion your letter contained. I can assure you, Dr. Barton, I quite understand the demands made upon the Secretaries time and shall never interpret any delay in correspondence as a lack of interest in either myself or work. My week in Boston with the Secretaries of the Board has made such thoughts impossible.

I want to share with you the new joy that came in my life while in Inghok when Miss Agnes J. Meebold gave her consent to join with me in the establishment of a home. I hardly need to add that more happiness fills my heart than I know how to express in words and my prayer is that God will receive from my life an added measure of usefulness in His service. Miss Meebold has already proven herself a ready and efficient worker with a splendid command of the language. She stands ready with me to take up

work where ever the Mission may seems fit to send us. We both appreciate all such a step means both in our own lives and for the work and look forward to a life of joyful service together in this chosen field.

The months spent in the Inghok field, gave me an insight into the problems of our country work which I could not possibly have gotten from reports. I shall be able to understand and appreciate these problems when brought up in future Mission meetings. I had an opportunity while studying the language to care for some five hundred calls made at the dispensary and thru these visits came splendid practice in speaking the language. Inghok offers splendid opportunities to the medical profession. There is a crying need of a doctor to be located permanently in this field. Many of the cases come from afar and their healing would mean opening the way into new centers for the Gospel. We are praying that a doctor may be regularly located there to meet this need.

As you may already have noted, I am up at Kuliang, Foochow and Fukien's summer resort. I am hard at the language and find it is coming slowly. I trust that I may one day find

as you suggest, that the language has become my own, so I may take my place in the work of the Mission. I have found no difficulty in adjusting myself to the situation as I found it and though there is much one might wish to see otherwise, yet the outlook is hopeful. There is a great need in the College department for more workers, but I am sure this need is on your heart.

I trust the summer may hold for you a season of rest and change and that God's richest blessing may rest upon you and those associated with you.

Yours most sincerely
Leonard J. Christiansen

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Foochow, China, Jan. 8, 1912.

ear friends:

I have long been wanting to write you concerning my welfare here uring these days of change in China, but time has been the missing factor, as t generally is in our busy lives. Now since the times have become more quiet must make an opportunity to give you some idea of how things went in Foochow.

For sometime before the fall of the cityinto the hands of the Revolutionaries all sorts of wild rumors were afloat, which excited the people, and aused an exodus lasting some ten days. From October 31st to November 8th there ere continual lines of sedan chairs and "dang" loads leaving by way of the city ates to points beyond the zone where fighting was expected to take place. As he days went by, and the time drew nearer to the day set for the army to begin perations, the people became more and more excited, so that by the 6th of Novemer the flight took on somewhat the appearance of a panic, which continued until he gates closed on the evening of the eighth of November. Every sedan chair hat passed through South Gate was loaded with women and children, along with as much of their personal effects as it was possible to fasten to the chair. A continuous line of coolies entered the city, carrying guns, ammunition, and supplies for the Revolutionary forces.

Our College continued its regular sessions until the afternoon of November 7th, the day we learned that the shops within the city gates were closing their doors. The boys were assembled in the College Chapel, where President Peet explained the situation, and advised all that could leave before dark to return at once to their homes. All left but some half dozen or so whose homes were in distant villages.

Captain Root of the U.S. Torpedo Boat Detsroyer "Bainbridge" ordered a number of blue jackets into the city compound to help us guard our property against thieves and lawless persons who gathered in the city in great numbers for the purpose of looting as soon as the city was in turmoil. These "blue jackets"worked faithfully until all approaches and exits to the compound were closed. Guard duty was planned for the missionaries as well as for the sailors.

y nightfall everything was in readiness as far as we could see the needs.

On the evening of November 7th, Consul Thompson ordered the ladies ut of the city to places of safety across the river. They were very loathe o go, but soon saw the wisdom of the Consul's orders, and made plans to leave. rs. Hodous with her three little ones left the same evening the order came in rs. Peet, Miss Wiley, and Mrs. Kinnear with the boys left the morning of the th. Guards were set on the evening of 8th, and watch was kept all night. As he detail did not call for duty from me until four A.M. I turned in for a good ight's rest. Before retiring, Mr. Peet's attention was called to movements n "Temple Hill" a hill to the east of our Mission premises, and upon investigation, it was found that artillery was being dragged up the hill for the action hich some of the military informed us was to begin at 4 A.M.

Mr. Peet wakened me ten minutes early to be ready for my turn at guard duty. I had no sooner posted the reliefwhen the crack of a rifle rang out, which was the signal for a general engagement to take place. The single shot was followed by a fusillade from the hill three hundred yards away. The cracking of the small arms was reinforced by the booming from the batteries of artillery stationed on the same hill. From our vantage ground we could plainly see the flashes from both rifles and heavier guns through the darkness. The Manchu troops upon whom these guns were directed occupied the lower levels in the midst of the city some two thousand yards distant. General Sung with all the Chinese troops under his command joined the Revolutionary forces, and occupied the above mentioned Temple Hill.

Hardly half an hour had elapsed after hostilities commenced before we noticed heavy volumes of smoke rising first in one section then in another section of the city directly to the northeast of us. Flames rose high above these volumes of smoke, and soon enveloped entire compounds of buildings, - dwellings of the rich as well as of the poor, business places, shops, and even the city gates and towers. For a time it seemed as if the whole northeast section of the city must succomb to the greed of the flames. These fires continued for more than twenty-four hours, and at one time during the second day threatened

our own school buildings.

As soon as it was light enough to see Ensign Smith run up to the top of the flag staff the Red Cross flag, and underneath the Stars and Stripes. Shortly past seven A.M. the wounded began to appear at the Mission gates which were thrown open for the stretcher bearers to enter. The first one to be laid on the operating table was a lad of twelve years, a powder boy wounded twice while carrying ammunition to one of the large guns. One piece of shell tore a ragged path through the lad's upper lip, while the second gouged a deep furrow in his leg. We found him to be a plucky youngster, for he took his rough treatment like a general. I held his face, while Dr. Kinnear drew the gap shut with five stitches.

From the time he left the table we were kept busy throughout the day, applying first aid, and changing pieces of cloth which we found wrapped about the wounds for proper dressings. Many of those brought in during the morning were wounded during the early morning hours, some mortally, others we found with mangled limbs, still others with wounds in chest and head, while some more fortunate escaped with only slight scratches. At times four operating tables were kept busy, with Dr. Taylor of the English Mission and Dr. Seldon of the Methodist Mission as Dr. Kinnear's assistants. The regular hospital rooms (native buildings being still employed) were soon filled, and it was found necessary to open the College Chapel and lay the wounded on the long benches, two benches making a splendid bed. Large companies of native Red Cross men were sent from south side, but their lack of organization and experience rather handicapped them and made it hard for us. We were fortunate in having with us Mr. Ding Ming-uong who recently graduated from Oberlin with a Master's degree. He rendered us most effective service, and did much to direc the stretcher bearers with their bloody burdens. The sailors also did splendid work; all day they took charge of the gate of the compound, and stood ready to fight fires if necessary. We had water ready on every floor in Lincoln Hall, the College boys' dormitory, to use if needed.

The fighting continued throughout the day, with intervals between

firing. The Revolutionaries, at first, did not locate the Tartars in any large numbers, but continued to fire into their quarter. The Tartars, meanwhile, left their quarter and were making their way toward Temple Hill by way of the Law School, one of the higher Government schools in Foochow, where they were discovered and driven back with loss of life and several of the Law School buildings. From one of the missionaries' homes we could watch the progress of the flames as they worked their way from one story to another, and finally saw the buildings go down in ruins.

At nightfall firing ceased, and it was comparatively quiet after the din of battle. The fires continued their destructive work all through the night hours. Next morning at daylight the fighting recommenced, but after a few hours ceased, and we soon learned that the Manchus surendered, turning over to the Revolutionary forces several thousand guns, many thousand rounds of ammunition, besides swords, bayonets and other equipment. As soon as the fighting ceased, the Tartars were invited to bring in their wounded, which they did, giving us all the work we could handle. During this day and the days following we took off eight arms and legs, besides dressing a large number of very serious cases, many of which passed away some days later. We lost thirteen of the entire number sent in, which the latest reckoning places at 146. We were very glad the second morning to receive as Red Cross nurses Mrs. Kinnear, a trained nurse, the Misses Irene Dornblaser, and Clara Dornblaser, Miss Adams, Mrs. Kellogg, Miss Bonafield, Dr. Omelvena of the U.S. "Pompey" and Dr. McKenzie of the English Mission, and later Miss Billing, Miss Perkins, Miss Meebold, Miss Blanchard, and Miss Hook, a trained nurse. They entered the hospital wards and brought order to the wards, and comfort to the patients. The days following the conflict were busy ones for all who were connected with the hospital and operating room, as well as for those who cared for our many wants. The Doctors' time was taken up with daily dressings, amputations, and probing for pieces of shell and bullets.

Foochow at present is in the hands of a military government, with General Sung at its head, with a cabinet about him of men who have had but

little previous experience in managing government affairs, and with little money to carry on the business, with a large budget to manage, and with discontent among the people and lack of harmony in their own ranks. What the future holds, only time can tell.

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The situation in North and Central China you have received from Associated Press reports, and so are just as much in touch with the situation as a whole as we are here. At the date of writing there is an armistice of fifteen days on, during which all army movements have been suspended. What the outcome will be it is difficult to conjecture, but it lookk now as if the Imperialists will be able to save something. For a time the outlook for them was bad, but the situation is somewhat changed. We are praying hard that God will rule, and make all things work together for the good of this people.

I trust that this epistle finds you enjoying health. I want it to carry with it my sincerest wishes for a bright and happy New Year.

I don't want to hear from others, so I'll be a true sportsman & acknowledge my default as a neglect.

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Jan. 8-1912

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Sharp Peak
~~FOOCHOW~~, CHINA. Mar 4, 1912.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Boston Mass.,

My dear Dr. Barton:—

Nearly two months have elapsed since the enclosed was struck off on the type writer and I fear it will seem like ancient history to you, having received so many accounts at the time, nevertheless I shall send it as it may give you an account of the trouble here in Foochow from another standpoint.

I must apologize to both Mr. Bell and yourself for waiting so long after receiving such warm letters of congratulation. It is true I have been busy, but I cannot send that as sufficient excuse for all missionaries are busy, besides I know you don't want to hear from idlers, so I'll be a true sportsman and acknowledge my default as plain neglect.

To begin the letter here let me tell you I am married. I am spending ten days with my good wife at Sharp Peak and I never dreamed it was possible to crowd so much happiness in ten short days. It seems a little strange still to introduce the young lady, who was formerly Miss Greenfield

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Hong Kong, China, March 11, 1912.

Dr. Geo. A. Gates, D.D.
Secretary Missions,
City.

My dear Dr. Gates:-

Kindly see enclosed from Miss Gale, of the Girls' School here, which will come the Oakland Station. I am not well enough to write much myself, but I want to second the request of Miss Gale. Many communications, including cablegrams, should be sent direct to the Station, and we need the help of the Board in this matter.

Miss Gale's letter tells the story. Please tell your good husband I am thinking of him today, and wishing for him to be with us in the necessary consultations. We are in great need of a man who can be trusted to see to the building, and who can be a helper to us in matters of business

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as my wife but gradually the strangeness will wear off and it will all seem natural. It is our daily prayer that the little home we have started may be the center of a mighty influence for good. I find my life has rounded out and I trust God will use me in an enlarged measure for all the rich blessings He has poured into my life. It is true that the W.B.M.I suffer the loss of a worker with the passing of Miss Meebold into the ranks of the American Board but it is equally true that the work as a whole will be benefited.

Annual Meeting took place while my wife and I were away but we learned through Mr. Peet, who paid us a day's visit, that the work will gradually open up. It is thought that the men might return to Shaowu and Inghok but is deemed unwise for the ladies to take up ~~their~~ regular work as yet. ~~At present~~ It does not look as if the Girls' School at either of the three large stations would open at present. Conditions are unsettled and from the present outlook it seems as though it would be at least six months before normal conditions could be expected. The Foochow College plans to open this coming week. It was very

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unfortunate that it closed its doors as it was forced to, but I believe it has taught the student body a lesson which I hope they will not forget. Their demands were unjust and I for one, as a member of the faculty, stand back of Mr. Peet in the action he took on the day it was decided to close school. The unpleasantness that followed, to my mind was uncalled for. Action had to be taken and taken quickly and perhaps some mistakes were made that might have been avoided had time for deliberation been taken. However, it is always easier to see how a thing might have been different after you have seen the effect of the wrong thing. There are so many things one wishes were different and some of us have entered into a prayer circle to see them changed. Our Father can do all things and we are trusting. He will bring absolute unity here. I know you are looking to the younger generation of missionaries to help solve some of the problems that we meet here and we don't want to disappoint you.

Will you kindly thank Mr. Bell for the warm messages I have received at his hand and give him my very sincerest wishes. My wife joins me in these wishes in which we hope you will consider yourself as having a large share.

Very sincerely yours
Leonard J. Christian

Frank Lech.

Mar. 4-1913

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Foochow, China,

North Yakima, Wash. Aug.4 '16

Rev. W. E. Strong, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Strong:-

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We are glad to report that we left our fellow-workers enjoying health and the blessings that the Kuliang mountain top has to offer. The Whittakers spent ten days with us before leaving for Kuliang, so we had a chance to make their acquaintance, and we find them delightful people. They have had, as you perhaps already know, a hard time during their stay in Nanking. Their little girl passed through deep waters, and it was feared at one time that they would lose her. But Kuliang is doing much for the little one, we hear .

The passing away of Neil Newell was a shock to us all. As they are our next-door neighbors, we saw much of the children, and learned to love them. Many hearts went out to the parents in their hour of sorrow. The nearness with which they lived to the Master was shown to us all in the beautiful way they took the lad's home-going.

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Kindly remember us ~~kindly~~ to our friends at the rooms, and accept best wishes for yourself from

Yours most sincerely,

Leonard J. Christian
per Q.W.C.

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Rev. Yakima, Washington

Leonard G. Christian

Christian Engineering
In Hakien

Engineering in this Province as in other Mission fields is along three great lines Evangelistic, Educational and Medical. It has been my lot during my first term of service to be closely linked with all three.

Upon arrival on my chosen field I became a part of the teaching force of Hoochow College. Later an imperative need called me from my work among the students, to the Medical work which has occupied the last three years of my life on the field. In both my College connection and the period spent in ours splendid Hospital Plant, I found the Evangelistic so closely connected I could not think of it as a special department. In the light of my last six years experience I see the Missionary Enterprise not as, "All Gaul divided into three parts" but as a unified Whole.

The test of any Engineering project is the results obtained. Roads built, bridges constructed

Christian Engineering
in Russia

Leonard J. Christian

Summary of address
Toledo - 1916

has as deepened. The test is equally applicable to Christian Engineering, as I think of no better way than telling you of some results of past years.

While a member of Faculty Foochow College my privelege to touch the lives of hundreds of students. Among the number a young man - keen mind - a splendid spirit - Early life against him. Home, a hovel - filliest section of the city - a mud hole - Father a mason - Parents ardent idolators and haters of Christianity - force son into an early marriage with an uneducated heathen girl. He joins the church. Later came to Foochow College and something happens. His eyes are opened. From his awakening to his death was an earnest worker. Became an Evangelist to a despised people - the Manchus. I saw 85 baptized at one Communion service, many of them because of this young man's earnest efforts. A vessel mete and fit for the Master's use.

The Greatest Evangelist to-day working among the needy people of Fukien is Pastor Diong Ciu Seng who received the Gospel message from an old uncle forced by illness to spend three months in one of the wards of Foochow Missionary Hospital.

Whether it has been given to us to spend our lives in the hospital among the afflicted

or in the College among the Students, we endeavor to make the Evangelistic uppermost. We cannot always see the results of our labors but following our Master's Command, "in the morning we sow the seed and in the evening we withhold not our hand," trusting that sometime, somewhere the spirit will cause the seed to Spring into life and bring forth a hundred fold.

64 E. College St. Oberlin Ohio Jan 29, '17

Rev William E. Strong D.D
Boston Mass

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W. E. STRONG
JAN 30 1917
Ans'd

Dear Dr. Strong:-

Your letter of Jan 4th was addressed to our western home while I was in the East, so it had to follow me up. It reached me so near the time of my planned departure for Oberlin that I delayed the answering till I could read it over and plan with Mrs. Christian.

If the Committee authorize our return to the Foochow Mission we shall be ready on Aug 3rd to return and take

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Mrs. Christian joins with
me in sending best wishes

Yours sincerely
Leonard J. Christia

up work again.

I note what you had to say with reference to the need in Foochow and have enjoyed my connection with the College. I also enjoyed my work with the Medical branch of the Mission's activities but what I would not enjoy would be merely substituting here and there for I do not think I do my best work filling in a need in one department one year and transferring to entirely different phase of the work a second year.

I understand that assignments

Leonard J. Christian

Oberlin, Jan. 29, 1917

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Foochow, China, Feb. 28, 1916.

Rev. William E. Strong, D.D.,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Strong:-

The minute old Father Time closes the year book, and lays it away among the records of the past, we begin to scratch our heads and wonder what we did during the twelve months that is worth handing in to you folks in Boston. To tell the truth, there are so many things we wish we hadn't done, and so many things we wish we had had time to do, that we have little time to remember the things which were actually accomplished.

The Mission assigned as my portion for the year, the superintending of the work done in Foochow Missionary Hospital. I found it a pretty big job, and got scared once or twice, but took courage when I saw my fears were ungrounded; and here I find myself looking back and thanking God that He has helped us safely through one of the biggest years in the hospitals history. In point of numbers it is the biggest, for the report registers over thirty-seven thousand treatments given to some seven thousand patients. This is a splendid record when we realize that Dr. & Mrs. Kinnear, who have built up this work, had not yet returned from furlough. It speaks well for the place Dr. Cooper has already made for himself in the work of the hospital. More operations were performed by him under general anaesthetic than ever before.

The Sunday School, which was a part of the Ponasang Hospital activities, had to be discontinued when the Hospital moved to its present location within the city walls. However, in China, children are never lacking in one's immediate neighborhood, and we found this

Leonard S. Christian

to be especially true of our present location. Leading off from the street on which the hospital faces there is a series of narrow lanes, radiating out into the houses of the Yamen runners of the golden past. The children from these homes are unusually numerous. Last year we invited these children to a big Christmas celebration, and this marked the birth of our present Sunday School. For the first six months we had an average attendance of 111; the last six months of the year, the numbers increased, so that our average attendance was 148. Fourteen other religious services were held each week in the hospital, and we had the joy of seeing numbers emerge from the darkness of heathenism to the light of the Gospel. Few remain with us long enough to understand the doctrine sufficiently well to pass the required entrance examination for Church membership; but most all have some knowledge of the Bible that will help them to live better lives among the people to whom they return. I have directed numbers to attend services at their nearest chapel, so as to become thoroughly acquainted with the truth.

The work of the Health and Sanitation Committee, of which I was a member, continued through the spring and summer in a thorough campaign against tuberculosis and plague? Over two thousand persons were inoculated with serum; lectures were delivered in over thirty centers, and several hundred thousand hand-bills were distributed throughout the city, and in large centers in Fuhkien Province.

God has wonderfully blessed us in every way, and as I close my report, I should like to give Him every bit of the praise and glory, for without Him we could have accomplished nothing. Kindly extend to the officers of the Board and Prudential Committee my heart-felt thanks for their co-operation in all this work.

Yours most sincerely,

Leonard J. Christian

REC'D JUL 23 1917

519 Scott St. Wheaton Ill.
July 21, 1917.

Rev. Enoch F. Bell
Boston Mass
Dear Mr. Bell:-

Many thanks for the Birth Certificate which I will pass along to the proper authorities on Monday. Mr. Ernest Pye an old friend of mine is helping me with passport matters in Chicago, which is very nice for me.

I enjoyed hearing direct from you after so long a period of silence. Like meeting old friends. We surely have had a most enjoyable furlough. Studied the Second Semester in Oberlin Seminary and thru' the year have spoken, Mrs. S. and myself over a hundred times. We spent a delightful ten days with the church that is supporting me.

You probably know that I return to the Educational work, will superintend one of Higher Primary Schools in connection with Fodchow College. I know the teaching

force fairly well and anticipate a happy time working together with them. The School monitor was my personal teacher so we are already acquainted.

As to the hospital situation, we will have to proceed carefully. I am sure in His own time our Heavenly Father will lead the way to several doctors working in that large plant. Such things take time. You know I am sure my heart was lost in that work and it was no easy matter to pull out but it seemed wisest then and it seems wisest now.

Thank you for all the interest you have taken in the work out there when so many other fields continually draw on your sympathies and interest. Mrs. Christian joins with me in the best of wishes and kindest regards

Yours sincerely
Leonard J. Christian

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Wheaton, Ill. Jul 21, 1917.

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REC'D JAN 24 1916

Peace Street Compound
Foochow, China, Dec. 19, 1915.

Rev. E. F. Bell,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Bell:-

In reply to your letter regarding our furlough, Mr. Beard and Mr. Christian have written you stating the reasons considered by the Mission for asking that the furlough come at the close of my term rather than of Mr. Christian's. I have nothing to add to what was said there, but I have a request to make.

When the Mission action was taken last summer we wrote home advising our families of the fact, and while stating that we required approval from Boston before the matter was settled, we nevertheless raised their expectations on a point that had never occurred to them to consider possible before them. Now we have written telling them of your letter, which, of course, brings up uncertainty. If we wait until we hear from you to tell them our mothers will hardly know until March or April whether they may really expect us or not. Would you, therefore, be willing to send a brief letter to each of the homes

advising our people of the decision of the Prudential Committee at the same time that you write to ~~us~~? I believe it would be a great relief to them to know certainly in January, and I shall be much obliged to you for your kindness in the matter.

Sincerely and cordially
Agnes M. Christian.

Addresses

Mrs. Caroline Christian
260 Delaware Ave.,
Albany, N.Y.

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314 Seminary St.,
Wheaton, Ills.

Mrs. L. J. Christian

Foochow Dec. 19-1915

REC'D JUN 11 1914

Foochow China

To the "Bunch," greetings: — May 11, 1914

Well here we are in Foochow the capital of Fukien Province. A city with a population about the same as that of Boston Mass. and located on the coast about midway between Shanghai and Hong Kong.

Here are located the C.M.S., C.E.M.S., Y.M.C.A., American M.E., and American Board missions. This is the centre ~~for~~ religious and educational work of the province.

We have here Foochow college and preparatory school and a large number of day schools. The college has about 250 students. The religious work is quite extensive. There being quite a few churches in the city and a large number in the surrounding country. We have the finest hospital in the province a large new brick building. We are treating daily from 125 to 150 out patients and have accomodations for over 100 in patients. We have a very beautifull compound located on a hill just inside the city wall and commanding a fine view of the surrounding country which is delightfull. Not the least of the benifits of our hillside location is

Madura College

In the Madura "Pantheon" — Madura II. 1914

Madura has been in Madura the capital of Madura Province. Quite with a population about 80 thousand. Madura is the Athens of Madura.

Our Institution on the Lower School Madura Shanghai and Hong Kong.

We are Affiliated the C.M.S., C.E.M.S., C.M.S., C.E.M.S., Madura Mission. This is the Centre from which our Educational work of the Province.

We have Madura College and a Preparatory School. Madura College is a large Premier of our Schools. The College has about 450 students. The Madura work is quite attractive. We have quite a good church in the City and a large premise in the Provincial Capital. We have the Christian Hospital in the Province. Large Boys Hostel building. We are Teaching Girls from 45 to 150 girls. Schools and Hostel Revenue Contains for 110 in Madura. We have a very beautiful compound. Madura is a Field which needs the City well as a Provincial

the breeze which we get, which we appreciate so much here in South China.

I suppose you are all having the same struggles with your language. Students who are familiar with Oriental languages and Chinese dialects tell us that the Foochow dialect is about the most difficult. Mastering the seven tones of the language is not all there is, for all these seven tones are again changed when in combination with other tones. Practically speaking every word and phraze must be memorized and every possible combination of these tones. We certainly have our job here for another year to come; however we are glad to be right here. We can understand some, speak a little and are getting adjusted to our new surroundings and are looking forward to the future with great anticipations.

We have a large picture of the 1914 recruits near at hand and often look it over and think of you all.

Our prayers and best wishes go out to every one of you

Sincerely

James T. and Ruth L. Cooper.

Brookfield

Dec 15 - 1

The heavy rains we get, which we experience on south here in South Carolina.

I suppose you are all turning the corner into Ohio. Christmas shopping with your language. Christmas in Ohio should be quite a lot of fun. Nothing like the family with Christmas language. Nothing really is about the most difficult thing of the year for all the people in all these years. I'm not at all the "Scrooge" for all these years. Nothing when in combination with the two. Certainly opening our hearts our family must be remembered and our people combination of these times.

We certainly have our fat hens for weather you to come. Among we are glad to be right here. We are making, speak a little and we getting adjusted to our new surroundings and we having fun to the fullest with our friends and relations.

We have a long position of the 4th regiments now at home some after back. It are we think of you all.

Our prayers with that make go out to every one of you

Sincerely

James Frank Walk & Dorsey.

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Foochow, China, Nov. 15, 1914.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Doctor Barton:

I have intended to write to you for some time, giving you some of my impressions and opinions about the work here. I have finally got around to it.

First, I want to say that we are pleasantly situated. Our home, our compound, our associates and fellow-missionaries are all that we could desire. My wife and I are glad to be here and are happy in our work.

We were warned by the Foreign Department of little unpleasant situations existing in this Mission, but I wish to say after being here about a year I have failed to see anything inharmonious either in private or committee meetings or in the annual meeting. I hope all those differences which stirred up hard feelings belong to the past. While there areof necessity some differences of opinion on some things, I can say for the past year there has been a manifest reasonableness in all transactions. The desire for the best interests of the Kingdom of God is, I believe, above every selfish interest. Perhaps in one year I do not know all the ins and outs, but I am happily surprised in finding the Foochow Mission a very much better Mission than the impression which I received of it at home. I feel that it is my duty and privilege to tell you of this.

I am glad that our hospital is located inside the Walled City. It seems to me that most of the big work of the future will be located here. We have a good location. The work at the hos-

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Dr. Barton,

pital is going on nicely. I think our annual report will show that we are doing about the same amount of work as last year. You, no doubt, already know that we are not training doctors any more at the hospital but are giving a course in nursing which is to conform to the National Nursing Association standard. With these men on hand we have organized our ward work which is running satisfactorily, although we are unable to take in more than twenty-five patients at any one time on account of my language study. I am looking forward to a great work here when language study is completed.

I wish to record a word of appreciation of the services of Mr. Christian as Superintendent of the hospital. He is well fitted for such a place and is doing splendid work attending to all the business of the hospital, giving out the medicines, directing the nurses and all general routine work. He assists me at operations and is indispensable at the hospital. There is a great deal of work which we are unable to do now because of Dr. Kinnear's absence and my language study. When Dr. Kinnear returns I will have completed my language course (I hope). With Mr. Christian to look after the business side and the hospital routine, we two doctors ought to be able to devote ourselves wholly to our work and thus greatly increase the efficiency of our hospital. Cannot someone be found to take his place at the college and have him free for

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this work which he likes so well and for which he has had a special training?

Just a word about Dr. Wolfe. I wonder if you know that he is not an M.D? After studying several years beyond the regular course he was unable to graduate. His father is Archdeacon of this diocese (C.M.S.) and they are desperately in need of doctors but cannot use "Mr. Wolfe", as they call him. He was born here but cannot speak or understand the language. The Chinese have no confidence in him and I hope he will not be retained here after Dr. Kinnear returns. I feel, however, that I ought to say that he has been a help to us under the present circumstances.

We are very much in need of a women's hospital. You know our hospital at present is a men's hospital and we only receive men for in-patients. We have a women's out-patient department from which we reject daily applications for admission to wards. We could turn over to the women's hospital a well established women's work and confine ourselves exclusively to men. The desire of the Women's Board to have the women's department independent and controlled by the woman physician and the nurse under her direction for that department as expressed in your letter to Mr. Beard of Sept. 24th is very satisfactory to me. These two departments side by side could be mutually helpful. This need is very urgent as we are turning many women away daily whom we ought to be helping.

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With the present perspective, I am able to appreciate to some extent the great amount of work done by Dr. and Mrs. Kinnear. They certainly have worked very hard and have something to show for their work. Our building, stock and equipment are second to none. Appreciation of the Doctor's ability and helpfulness is very often expressed by patients.

We are very happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Belcher assigned to live with us. They arrived about a month ago and are now well started in language study. Their presence and work will be a great help to the Mission. Thanks for sending them.

My wife joins me in sending best wishes.

Sincerely,

James F. Cooper.

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Sincerely,

Leonard J. Christian.

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Foochow, China, Dec 11, 1915

ar Doctor Stung:- I thank you so much for
our kind letter to me of Oct 14.
I have recieved a great many such letters
recently all of which have been a great
comfort and help to me.

Mr and Mrs Gumby wrote of
how much they appreciated your being
at the memorial service Permit me
to thank you for the help you have been
to them

I am sure the Montclair friends
will appreciate your visit to them. I have
recieved the calendar containing the
program of the missionary rally and I
am sure your presence there will be
a great help to them and will bind
their intrest more firmly to the work
in this needy country

Sincerely your friend
James F. Cooper

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Dear Doctor Hunt:- Thank you so much for your kind letter to the Board. Those numbers of great value such helpful encouraging all which has been a great comfort and help to me.

My very warm appreciation goes out to the nursing service. Doubtless you have been busy for the help you have been given.

I am sure the Huntsville friends will appreciate your work to them. I have written the Salmons another letter the program of the missionary really sent. Some day you perhaps this will be your help to them now with this patient work. Yours cordially to the work in the nearly Library

Sincerely yours
Jennie F. Cooper

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M Bell:—

I received your letter of sympathy
n and deeply and appreciate very much
he kindly intent and love which prompted
t. I have received many letters of appreciation
my wife. She made a deep impression on
ll who knew her. Her beautiful and saintly
ife was worthy of all the praise she has received.
It has been a great help to me to feel that
many have been praying for me. How I
eed those prayers! So many plans, so many
opes, so many expectations all shattered. It is
ifficult to know just what to do. I only
now that in Gods providence I am here, and
this situation. Now I must watch, wait
nd work until the light shines clearer on
y path.

Once more thanking you for your
encouraging words

I remain
Sincerely yours
James F. Cooper.

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Foochow, China, Mar 1, 1916.

r Doctor Sheng:—

At a recent meeting of the
d interim committee it was voted at my
equest to change the wording of the call
or a new doctor to read — Wanted a
octor for medical work in Foochow, instead
f wanted a doctor for the Union Medical School.
I was requested to write the letter and
xplain.

There are two reasons why I made
he request. In the first place I have been
eaching in the Medical School one year
lready and I am to give half time
here trying in the fall. I am forming
ersonal attachments and growing to like
he teaching more and more as I understand
he needs and opportunities which it presents.
retofore our mission has contributed very
ittle to this splendid union work. We have
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ped to do I very much desired that the
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en to me and that the new man would
e assigned to the hospital, or that at
east, when the new doctor arrived we
might make such plans as seemed best
t that time rather than definitely pledging
e new man to the Medical School.

Another reason which is very strong
ith me although I have mentioned it to
none except Mr Beard and Mr Christian
oth of whom are on the board of managers of the
spital and that is. My ideals and
ans for the work in the hospital are not
e same as those of Dr Kinnear and rather
an have any unpleasant situations arise
think it would be better for the works sake
nd for my own peace of mind if I could
ave some other assignment I trust that
e reasonableness of my request may be
rident to the board; if not and more details
e required I will write more fully

Sincerely
James F. Cooper.

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Foochow
January 1-1916

I wish to have a few words with you about the Medical School. Something which is very strong with me although I have mentioned it to you before is that the Board and the Christian people on the Board of Managers of the Hospital are that is. They finished with the work for the Medical School we had some so there of Dr Kinnear was taken from us. There was unpleasant misunderstanding which it would be fatally for the work if the work should have some other assignment. I trust that I be remembered in my request may be written to the Board; if not and were certain we request I will write more fully.

Sincerely
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Pei Tai Ho June 29, 1916

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Dear Dr Stuing:- Your letter of April 17 was received in due time. At about that time I was given permission by the ad interim com. to visit medical schools and hospitals in North China during the summer. This I have been doing during the past month. I wanted to do some of this work before writing to you, hence the delay in answering your letter.

I am very much interested in medical education and enjoy teaching in the medical school. I am equally interested in and enjoy hospital work. My request to be assigned to the medical school for full time was largely for the reason that Dr Kinnear and I cannot work together to best advantage. My idea was to withdraw, and allow Dr Kinnear to work out his own ideas in his own way at the hospital.

Your letter states that "the question arises in your minds whether the difficulties that I find in the case are such as would affect a new man coming out here" The answer to this requires a statement of the conditions which prevail here. I hope it

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Fu Ch'i Ho June 27/19

Mr. Fleming:- Your letter of April 7 was received in due time. In other words this was your summer by the calendar, since it was March when our hospital in Nagasaki closed for the summer. This has been very busy and very hard work. Intended to do some of this before writing to you, have kept delay in acknowledging your letter.

Your very well intentioned in medical education and saving training in the medical school. I am equally interested in and enjoy hospital work. You request to be assigned to the medical school for full time. I am hungry for the reason that the Kinnear and I cannot work together to best advantage if we are to remain, and allow Mr. Kinnear to work out his own ideas in his own way at the hospital.

Your letter states that "I question in your minds whether the difficulties that I found in the case are such as would justify a new man coming out to" the mission to this ~~country~~ a statement of the situation which proved here. I hope it

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will not be too wearing to you if I write them as I see them. Please bear in mind that I am writing very frankly from my own view point There will be three members of our mission at home this summer, and I would suggest that you consult them about the situation as their opinions may modify to some extent some of the conclusions which I myself have reached. The men at home will be Mr Beard, Mr Smith and Mr Christian. Mr Christian was Supt of the hospital for the past two years and Mr Beard has served on the Board of managers of the hospital and understands the situation. I am anxious that you consult these laymen who are in touch with the situation.

The real difficulty is that to my mind it is impossible for Dr Kinnear to work with any other doctor. This is not to be taken in any way to apply to the personal character or the professional services of Dr Kinnear for which I have the highest respect, but definitely to this one point namely the impossibility of Dr Kinnear to work with any other doctor.

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will not be running to you if I write them so I am there. Does this in mind that I am writing my family from our new residence. Then will be three months of our mission at home this summer, and I will be sorry that you annually have also to be entertained. Chinese painters are usually to serve extent some of the conclusion — which I myself have reached. The men at home will be the Board, the church and the churches. The churches are supplied by the Board for years and the Board has served in the Board's memory of the hospital and mentioned the situation. Then contains but you should have happiness with one in with the situation.

The real difficulty is that to my mind it is impossible for the Chinese to work with any other doctor. This is not to be taken in any way to apply to the personal character or the professional service of the Chinese for which I have the highest respect, but relationship to this one point remains incompatibility of the Chinese to work with any other doctor.

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I need not quote much past history but as I understand it, the same condition existed when Dr Woodhull and Dr Stiker were here and you know Dr Gillette was at Foochow Hospital when I was appointed and it was understood at home that I was going to Diing Loh but Dr Gillette at once I was appointed requested to be sent there. This is no secret in the mission. I console myself by feeling that I am not the only one who has found myself in the present situation.

I have been made to feel that the hospital belongs to Dr and Mrs Kinnear. Theoretically this is not so, and I have been assured that it is an American Board Hospital but practically at the hospital this is not so. At the hospital I am informed that the American Board does not help the hospital financially but that all the money for the hospital and its equipment and supplies was given by friends of Dr and Mrs Kinnear to be used by them. I am made to feel like a presumptious intruder after being duly assigned to the work by the mission. It is impossible to work under such conditions.

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Dear and great friend your letter dated on 9 October and the same written enclosed with Mr. Gillette was received one day ago. Mr. Gillette was at Foochow Hospital actually we applied one it was understood at time that we going to bring his but Gillette at once we applicate requested to be sent home. This is a secret in the mission. I cannot myself for believing that I am not the only one who feel the general situation.

Since two years to feel that the hospital belongs to the American Board. Actually this is not so and I have been assured that it is our mission. Those hospital but practically of the hospital this is not so. At the hospital I am assured that the American Board does not help the hospital financially but that all the money for the hospital and its equipment and supplies were sent by friends of the American to be used in them. I am sorry to feel this a reasonable situation after being duly assigned to the work by the mission. It is impossible to work under such conditions.

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Dr Kinnear has made the statement several times before the Board of managers of the hospital that he realizes that his ideas and methods are not accepted by the great majority of medical men in China but that they are the only ways in which he can work. I will mention two points upon which we cannot agree. I am committed to the policy of China for the Chinese and I believe in teaching them all I know, and giving them opportunity to do the things which I have taught them and gradually giving them more responsibility and work as fast as they are able to do it until they are able to work alone. This Dr Kinnear is opposed to. He says the Chinese come here to see him and he will commit no case even the most trivial to be treated by the Chinese alone He personally must diagnose and prescribe. Then the Chinese doctor may change a bandage or apply the ointment prescribed. This no matter how well the Chinese doctor is trained.

Then the doctor has told me that he does not like to feel that he cannot see any of the cases he wants to see and prescribe for them himself.

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Dear Mr. Kinnear:

I have just made the statement several times before the Board of Managers of the Hospital in Foochow that the Chinese under medical care are not satisfied by the general medical treatment they receive in China but that they are thoroughly in earnest in wishing for our work. Such practitioners as we have are consulted more in the Chinese manner to the giving of China's sick in a helpless condition. Many of Chinese are thus opportunately to the living relatives when they need practically speaking from more or less to inability and work so fast as they are able to work alone. This is what they are able to work alone. This is seen is opposed to the step the Chinese have to see them and he will accept no one over ~~that they need to be treated by the Chinese alone~~ generally most unpaid and friendly. Then Chinese doctor more charge a handsome or fully internal friendship. This no matter how well he Chinese doctor is trained.

Then the doctor has told me that does not like to feel that he cannot see of the cases he want to see such friendly by their friendship.

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which means if I was assigned to a certain department, or class of cases, that he would and did feel free to come and take any case from me and treat it himself without any consultation with me. This I cannot stand for. Any doctor will appreciate this situation as a violation of all medical ethics and as a slight on one's ability even if it is not intended that way as I feel that Dr Kinnear does not intend it.

These two conditions arise from the feeling which he has, that the Chinese come to see him. He feels that he has been in Foochow a long time, has a big reputation and people who come to the hospital want his personal service. This of course is true to an extent, but it can be carried too far. A glance at the table of statistics for the past two years as published in the hospital reports show that while Dr and Mrs Kinnear were here on furlough we had the largest number of cases of any years in the history of the hospital. In the light of this fact I do not feel that Dr Kinnear is justified in feeling that everybody comes to see him.

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which means if Jones resigned to a certain important school place, that he would not feel like it were not time that we should not test it himself without any consultation with me. This I cannot understand. Dear Doctor will appreciate this situation as a violation of all rulings which are as sacred in medicine even if it is not intended that way as I feel that Dr. Jennings does not intend it.

Two evangelistic women from the Fukien Mission, that he knew, that the Christians were to see them. He feels that he has been in Foochow a long time, has a few regulations and people who come to the hospital want the personal service. This of course is true to an extent, but it can be carried too far. I believe in the talk of statistics for the past two years as published in the hospital report show that while Dr. and Mrs. Kinnear were there in charge in fact the largest number of cases of any year in the history of the hospital. All the difficulty of this fact also not feel that Dr. Kinnear is partially in feeling that everybody comes to see them.

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When I see the large hospital with its present equipment and all of its possibilities and realize that it is probably not more than 20% efficient I can but feel sorry. (See my hospital report which accompanies this letter. This report to be read at the annual meeting at Kuliang.)

The question may arise what suggestion have you to offer for the present situation. I am sorry that I have none. While Dr and Mrs Kinnear remain a five man hospital will continue to be run by one man, who cannot adequately do the work, and we will continue in the reputation we have of only treating trivial ailments, and where people are really ill they go to other hospitals because we have "no time" for such cases. The present policy seems to be a big report of a large number of cases treated, without regard to the kind of cases treated, and the quality of work done. No young man of today can take up with such a policy. I have no desire to antagonize Dr & Mrs Kinnear in their work. They are in it and running

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Since the Hospital work at present
progresses only with the assistance of
students that it is practically not more than 50%
efficient I am that feel very. (See my
hospital report which accompanies this letter.)
This report is based on the assumed coming
of students. In view of the unusual situation
there are two things that present themselves
I am sorry than I have more difficult one
are temporary measures as the new hospital
will continue to be run for the men, who
cannot only generally go to the wards, and we will
continue in the regulation of the time of all
matters medical administration and where simple
medical ill they go to other hospitals.
Among the two to this "for such cases.
The present feeling seems to be a big regard of
a large number of men students, without regard
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it. I cannot fit in, so I think best to keep out. I therefore consider myself out of the hospital. The mission realizes the situation and I think will appoint me to full time in the Medical School for the coming year.

A point which I overlooked which I will mention here is that Mrs Kinnear runs the hospital more than Dr does and her opinions are not always as acceptable to other doctors as to her own husband.

The need for more doctors appears in my hospital report I will mention here that a new man ought to be sent out at once for Ing Hok. Dr Whitney will go home in a year and a half perhaps, and it is more than likely that he will not want to come back. However he will not be able to do any active medical work. If a man comes at once he will hardly have time to get the language before Dr goes home.

I have written to you very frankly my own convictions I may state the situation strongly. Besides the three whom I have mentioned as being at home and available to give you information. I will also mention that Mr Hodous is also in the hospital committee.

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A point which Christian mentioned lately matter here is that the Chinese pay the hospital more than Dr. Cooper and the ~~[illegible]~~ are not always so exceptional to the extent as to the cost business.

We have for more doctors appear in our hospital right. We will practically that a new man ought to be sent out at once for Dr. Cooper. Christian will go home in a year and a half. Dr. Wolfe will be there when Kinley that he will not want to come back. However he will not feel it is our entire medical work. If a man comes at once he will be only then time to get the language before Dr. Cooper leaves.

Please written to you very friendly our own convictions. I may state the situation strongly. Besides the fact when I have mentioned so long at time and available to give you information. I will also mention that the hours I also in the hospital

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board of managers. Miss Hartwell because of her schools and orphanage work visits the hospital very often. These people can give you information on present conditions. Others in the mission while not in as close touch as these, can tell you the situation. Because of personal relations no one in the mission wants to do anything to cause any unhappiness to come to Dr or Mrs Kinnear, at the same time they realize the work suffers in consequence

May I ask that this letter together with the enclosed hospital report be read before the prudential committee at some convenient time in the near future. in the hope that they may have some suggestions to offer which will help us in our work here.

Sincerely
James F. Cooper.

P.S. The enclosed reports are the statement of my work for the past year and are for file in Boston. They are copies of my reports which were read at the annual meeting at Kuliang. Please use your own judgement about bringing this matter to the prudential committee.

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June 29, 1916.

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I received from home this week a page from a Builders' Journal owing the interior of the church. I am very glad to have it. I ink the church is very beautiful and I feel that all who had part in anning and carrying those plans out ought to be congratulated.

I cannot tell you how I appreciate my association with you l. The consciousness of your prayers and sympathy and interest is great inspiration to me. It was so kind of you to remember me at ur annual gathering. I appreciate so much the individual letters ich come to me from time to time. I follow with interest the events recorded in the church calendar which I receive regularly. I ink of you and pray for you often as I know you do for me.

Sincerely yours,

Mar 7, 1917

Have nearly two students this year
Have one fine lot of fellows.

We enjoyed very much the recent visit of Dr and Mrs Stung. When they come they will be able to give you a clear idea of the work here than I can tell.

I was surprised to see all the fellowship of the Evang. Church this month. What wonderful men you are

Sincerely
James F. Cooper.

Apr. 2, 1917

Foochow,

Mar. 6, 1917

Dr. Miller

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JAMES F. COOPER M. D.
FOOCHOW UNION MEDICAL COLLEGE.
FOOCHOW, CHINA.

Mar 7, 1917

ar Doctor Stung: —

I am sending you
copy of a letter which I am
ending to Dr Mills at Montclair
ecause it touches a little on the
medical situation here and also
ives a little of my attitude toward
hat situation both of which I thought
ight be of some interest to you.

Everything is about the same here
medically. I am enjoying my work
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myself in the frontispiece of the
Missionary Herald this month. What
a resourceful man you are

Sincerely
James F. Cooper.

APR 25 1917

JAMES R. COOPER M. D.
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FOOCHOW, CHINA.

Mar. 7, 1917

Dear Walter Young:—

Your letter which I had
expected to be with us months ago
came in twelve days. Little or no
mail matter seems to come also
from Shanghai. Little of any outside news
reaches us. Perhaps it will get to you
by the same route that it took to
reach us.

We are rejoicing over the success
of the medical school for this year.
We have twenty two students this year
and they are coming fast to fill the
medical school building to its capacity.

We anticipate our annual the recent
visit of Drs. Mc Young. When the
return they will be able to give you a
better idea of the work than I
could write.

We are anxious to see
people in the Christianizing of the
Nanking Province this month. What
a commencement now you are
having.

Yours
James R. Cooper.

Foochow,
Mar. 7, 1917

Foochow, China

April 27, 1917.

Dear Dr. Mills:-

I suppose by the time you receive this letter you will have been informed by the American Board Rooms in Boston of my recent decision to go to France. This no doubt will come to you as a surprise because I have not written to you about this matter. I have, however, been very much interested and desirous of going, but because of my obligations to the work here I have refrained from saying anything to anybody until just recently, when I felt that I could be spared from the work here. I presented the matter to the Mission here. They approved of my going and directed the Secretary to cable to Boston for permission. The cabled answer has just arrived from the Board in Boston saying that they agree with the action of the mission in granting me a leave of absence for the duration of the war. I am planning to leave here next week and will keep you informed of my movements. I wish the church to understand that I am still a member of the Mission here, but will be away from the field for the duration of the war when I expect again to resume my labors in my beloved China.

As the Mission will not have to pay my salary while I am away this will necessitate some change of plans with the Board and the church at Montclair. I have appreciated and enjoyed so thoroughly my relation with the church that I hope it may be possible in some way to keep the relationship and that I may still have the honor of being "your representative abroad", and at the same end of the war assuming the same happy relationship which now exists. I will therefore write you of my feelings and relationships in this present world struggle.

The good work of the Red Cross Society has appealed to me for a long time as also the fact that the Allies have been very short of doctors for some time. With this knowledge of the great need which was also urgent it has been difficult for me to restrain myself from offering my services earlier. The situation has recently been rendered more acute by the German navy refusing to recognize the Red Cross. They have decided to sink hospital ships on sight and have already begun this work. This makes it necessary to establish more hospitals in France and other countries and more doctors are needed in the war areas to care for the sick and wounded.

The great and urgent need there has become greater than the need here for the present, and therefore the same motives and reasons which led me to consecrate my life for the help of these needy people cause me to offer it temporarily to this still greater and more urgent need.

At present thousands of Chinese laborers and artisans of all kinds are being sent to all the war fronts to do the ordinary work and thus release others for war service. The recruiting and managing of this undertaking is being conducted by the British Army. Hospitals and medical attendance for the Chinese are necessary and

doctors who can speak Chinese are in special demand for this work.

These Chinese are strangers in a strange land, knowing neither the language or the customs of the countries to which they go. Whatever social, intellectual or moral forces are provided for others at the front will not be available for these people. They will be away from home and the moral restraints of their conventional life and exposed to many temptations. They will have no social standing and will, of course, be misunderstood as a Chinaman nearly always is. They will need friends,- some one who understands them and can interpret them and who will be interested in their welfare.

There is thus offered to me the unique opportunity of displaying my patriotism by consecrationg the offices of my profession to the noble and humanitarian work of ministering to the sick and wounded in this great world struggle, and at the same time of carrying out my original purpose of being a foreign missionary to the Chinese. While I am opposed to all war and militarism, and regret exceedingly this present awful affair, my duty seems plain.

I have therefore offered myself and have been accepted as an officer in the Royal Army Medical Corps (R.A.M.C. British) to go to France as medical officer to a Chinese labor batallion. I shall have charge of a hospital at one of the larger bases and will be at liberty to serve in other hospitals as my work will allow.

I have been rushing my work in the Medical School all this term so that I will finish the work one month earlier than usual, namely, the first week in May instead of the first week in June. I shall teach up to the last minute in order to complete the work of the term. All spare time is given to packing and arranging my affairs here. Every day is a strenuous one and is full of excitement and anticipation.

Four Chinese nurses from our hospital here will accompany me. They are all Christian boys and I am anticipating that they will be a great help to me in conducting meetings for the men.

Of course I do not know what my address will be, but will send it to you as soon as I know; in the meantime address letters to me % Messrs. Holt, No.16, Charing Cross London, England, placing after my name the initials R.A.M.C. (Royal Army Medical Corps)

In the blest tie that binds our hearts in Christian love may I ask for a continuance of interest in your prayers in my behalf in this new undertaking.

Sincerely,

James F. Cooper.

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Fred F. G. Donaldson
Kuleiny -
July 29th 1916

Dr. J. L. Barton
14 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton -
Five o'clock in the afternoon of the Twenty-Seventh was the time and the home of Mr. & Mrs. George W. Newell was the place. The minister who did the deed was Rev. Lewis Hodous, and the attendant consul was Mr. A. W. Poutiis Esq.

The years of separation certainly faded rapidly from the foreground of our thought in the few days between my landing (July 22nd) and the wonderful day.

so many co-laborers to associate with just at this time. It greatly alleviates my natural lack of understanding of the native tongue. However I can now say yes + no & call for water in the vernacular as well as sign my name in character. In a few days now my august instructor comes from Foochow and I hope to accumulate a vocabulary.

Mrs. Donaldson joins with me in best wishes to the home folks and particularly yourself + Mrs Barton. Sincerely

Fred L S Donaldson

The ceremony was performed on the piazza which had been exquisitely decorated by a number of Mrs Donaldson's friends. Of course I may be not altogether competent to judge but according to my best judgment it was the most beautiful - as well as most important wedding I have ever attended.

China is wonderful to me - I like everything from the little "river rats" (Chinese boys) that swarmed around the sides of our house boat at Pagoda Anchorage to the white skirted ~~[illegible]~~ of letters. Of course I know I have been seeing China at its best and am most fortunate in having

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Kulsing -
July 29th 1916

Fred F. & Donaldson

Dr. W.E. Strong
Boston, Mass

Dear Dr. Strong -
Miss Strong became Mrs. Donaldson at five o'clock Thursday afternoon July twenty seventh. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Lewis Hodous. Miss Daisy Brown was Brides maid and Mr. Clarence Jeff best man. The wedding took place in the home of Mr & Mrs Gerry M Merrell

of weeks and we are enjoying
her cottage during her absence.
When she returns we will return
to Mr. Sewells for the remainder
of our stay at Kuliang.
Mrs. Donaldson joins with me
in the best of wishes for the
friends at the Home Office.

Sincerely

Fred. F. G. Donaldson

and was in every respect
all that a wedding should
be. In as much as we
both had had ample time
for reflection over the step
we were a bit less nervous
than some perhaps, and so
neither of us acted or appeared
unnatural. I confess my
stress gave way - but it was
after the ceremony + over the
minor detail of coming to
this little cottage in a
chair! Not until I remembered
that it really was the least
conspicuous way to travel
did my courage return.

Miss Wells a friend of
my wifes is away for a couple

Red Cross Work.

A working party will be held weekly at the Club. First meeting, Friday, July 14 from 4:30 to 6:30 p. m. Will any ladies, who are willing to help please send their names to Miss Skerrett-Rogers, No. 90 or to Mrs. Muller No. 89. Many people are very busy while at Kuliang, and have not the time to join a weekly work party. If those whose time is limited can call at the Club between 4:30 and 6:30 on Friday, or write to Mrs. Muller or Miss Skerrett-Rogers, we shall be most glad to supply them with material.

The services of men would be very useful to help to roll bandages.

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W. P. W. WILLIAMS
Sec'y. of Committee.

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There is posted in the Club a schedule of the engagements for the use of the Clubhouse. Those who desire to reserve the use of the rooms should make early application to the Secretary.

H. B. Belcher, *Sect.-Treas.*

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With whitest clouds about it spread.
And just a child or two.
If any one wants Fairyland
A grassy hill will do.
If anyone wants Fairyland,
A city street will do.
A street that windetth to the West,
Where sunsets do their heavenly best
For hearts that love the view
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Oh near and far is Fairyland
And anywhere will do.
The castle is full of shining dreams
E'en darkest nooks reflect their gleams
Most magical of hue!
Oh ye who enter Fairyland.
'Tis yours to prove them true.

R. Goodwin.

The Foreign Community are hereby reminde that our branch shop at Kuliang was re-opened o the 12th instant and all patrons are cordially invi ted. Orders of any kind will be executed with our best and prompt attention. Besides the large quantities of store which were just imported from London direct and are sold at very moderate prices, we have also on sale the following flours and fruit:—
Best American fisher art flour. Best Australian green leaf flour. Fresh Mangoes. Fresh Lemons.

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J. B. Eyestone, *Supt.*

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Revolution at Yenping.

War, rebellion, and revolution seems to be the habit now adays. Yenping had one all by her self last month. It lasted only two days, June 18 and 19, but it was long enough to give the inhabitants a taste of what is going on in Europe, and to impress upon their minds the significance of Sherman's definition of war.

The reasons for the uprising remain obscure. From what can be learned it was planned before the death of Yuan Shi Kai as a part of the general revolutiorary move throughout most of South China. The enterprise would undoubtedly have been successful had regular Hunan soldiers been invited to take part. The leaders however choose to use some 100 bandits and in this they made a mistake. The bandits, while well armed and professionals at burning and robbing unprotected villages, are hardly suitable to champion a great patriotic cause.

The revolutionary leaders had been in the city several days, had all arrangements made and welcomed the brigands at 3 o'clock A. M., June 18 at the city gates. A few shots were fired, in the air, and the city was theirs. No one was hurt and no one imprisoned. The few Hunan soldiers who were in the city cast in their lots with the rebels. There were also some 20 Northern soldiers in the city. These refused to lay down their arms. A sharp little battle occured at 7 A. M. The Northern men, being greatly out numbered, were forced to leave the city, one being killed on each side and several wounded.

In a few hours about 150 Hunan soldiers arrived from Kienning and apparently agreed to support the new government. They were allowed to enter the city and to retain their arms. Whether their promise of loyalty was a trick, or whether they fear a conflict with the Northern troops, who were reported to be approaching the city from Foochow, is not known. At any rate, on the morning of the 19th by a surprise attack they completely cleared the city of all traces of bandit soldiers, some 15 of which were killed and 19 others were taken prisoners and later executed. Several citizens were wounded in this encounter for it occured mostly on the streets.

Late in the afternoon of the same day, the Northern troops, in considerable force, entered the city, a few shots being exchanged. The commanded was decidedly displeased with the cold and rather hostile reception he and his men had received. He demanded that the Hunan soldiers lay down their arms. This was refused. The situation was in a most critical stage and it is hard to say what the morrow might have brought forth, had not a conference been arranged between the commanders of both forces, local officials, and the gentry. This conference was arranged largely through the influence of the missionaries of the station.

Fxplanations were made all around, satisfactory agreements reached and order again restored. Later rumors have it that all is not yet settled. Many persons predict a conflict between the Northern and Hunan troops will yet take place.

The missionaries, and mission property were never in danger. Their rights were carefully respected by all parties.

The Kuliang School

Those who were here last year will remember the action taken in August providing for the erection of a community center for the Kuliang people. The building is new nearing completion in the Horseshoe and will soon be ready for use. In fact, the two schools, located in the two villages, Mang Ha Liang and Liong Chio, previously, have moved in the past week. The building provides for two school rooms that may be thrown together for public meetings and services, a home for the two teachers, and two rooms that are planned to be used for dispensary work during the summer months months. We hope the latter may be opened before long. Surely we are all interested in this forward movement for the Kuliang Chinese, and will rejoice that the project is realized. Mr. E.L. Ford, who has charge of the work on the Mountain, wishes to extend an invitation to all to inspect the new center.

A Remarkable Coincidence

A correspondent in *The Record*, an English Church newspaper points out that Shakespeare was 46 years of age when the Authorised version of the English Bible was published (1611). In the 46th Psalm in that version the 46th word is "shake," and the 46th word from the end is "spear."

We are at a loss to know which deserves the greatest admiration: the coincidence itself, or the genius of the person who discovered it.

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Editorial.

Can anything be done to decrease the gambling which goes on amongst the Chinese on Kuliang? Is it not possible that something towards this end might be accomplished through our servants, especially those who are Christians? By tactful and sympathetic suggestions we might perhaps get them to consider more earnestly their duty towards their fellow countrymen, in trying to stay this vice.

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A Few Suggestions

HERE COMES the fly, dear little fly! And so polite! He always wipes his feet on your food. Why so particular? Well, he has visited at many places before he came to see you. Do not harm him. Just kill him!

—*Selected*

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Kuliang needs a public incinerator to burn the garbage. This will mean expense and trouble, of course. But it will mean public health and sanitation as well. Four carriers could easily attend to the daily collection and the incineration. Each household should have a covered tin or galvanized iron receptacle. There would then be hope of ending the fly nuisance and keeping down offensive doors.

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It would be a great convenience to the Liong Chio side of the community if a second bulletin board were placed near the post box adjoining the Liong Chio village. This would be little expense to the Kuliang Council but a distinct help to a considerable portion of Kuliang residents.

Personal Notes

The engagement is announced of M Ethel Marion Smith, of Malden, Mass, a Dr. Henry Ware Newman, of New Yo City, both of the Swatow Missionary co munity.

Among the new faces we see on t mountain this year are, Miss Ursula Tyl Mintsing; Miss Marianne Tachudy, Y ping; Miss Edith Abel, Lungtien; and M N. L. Torrey, Anglo-Chinese College Fo chow, M. E. Mission; Miss Ethel Smith, kindergartener from the Baptist Missio Swatow, Mr. and Mrs. Settle meyer, M. Mission, Nangking; Miss Jean Paxto Miss Wikander, and Mrs. Pratt of Cant and Miss Thomson, Shanghai, Y. W. C. representatives; Mrs. Margaret Cla Swatow.

Dr. Gutelius. "The Missionaries' Dentis is with us again this year and is ready work. He is located in Rev. H. R. Caldwel house.

Dr. Newman, of Swatow, is enjoyi Kuliang breezes, after a season's abse from us.

Mr. Clande Kellogg's and Misses McCl and Ehly's new houses, are splendid exa ples of Kuliang's comfortable homes.

Misses Bement and Funk are spendi summer in North China and Japan.

Misses Ward and Cook are spendi summer at Sharp Peak.

Dr. Cooper is spending summer in No China.

Our apologies to Prof. E. C. Jones, who name we inadvertently included last we in the list of those who have gone ho on furlough. Mr. Jones is spending t summer at Sharp Peak, paying one or t visits to Kuliang on business.

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Dr. Lawson has arrived on the mounta

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Gone Home on Furlough.
Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Bliss and family.
Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Smith and family.
Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Christian.
Miss I. La W. Dornblaser.
Miss C. E. Chittenden.

Returning in Fall 1916.

Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Beach and family.
Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Beard and family.
Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Kellogg and famil
Dr. J. E. Walker.
Miss J. C. Walker.
Miss E. M. Garretson.

New Arrivals

Miss E. D. Nash.
Miss M. E. Waddell.
Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Whitaker and family.

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Kuhiang - China
Sept. 3rd 1916

Dr. W. E. Strong
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Strong -

Vacation days are drawing to a close for we start for Ing Tai next week. It has been a wonderful month for both of us and yet we are eager to get started in real work. The more I hear of the Boys work the more I hope our trip up river will not be delayed by storm or other unforseen obstacles. The summer here has been ideal as far as climate is concerned. Report tells of hot days in the City but our heat has surely been tempered for us.

The weather has been so pleasant that I have been wondering why it would not be a good plan to send new recruits in early summer. Of course it is not any pleasanter than weather in U.S.A. but it certainly is bearable and if one

Nanking - China
Sept. 30th 1916

Rev. M. E. Strong
1 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Strong -

Practically we are planning to close up our school for the year and have a wonderful month for hard work. We just get we are ready to get started in real work. The more other of the Days work the more strong we feel up in regard to the future. We have decided not to attempt to open the school in the Fall. We are hoping that the general conference will assume responsibility for the school and that we may be able to start in the Fall of 1917 with a full force of teachers. The assuming responsibility for the school is certainly the most important thing in the way of the school's success. We are hoping that the general conference will be able to see its way clear to do this. We are very anxious that the school should be started in the Fall of 1917 with a full force of teachers.

can be on the Mountain during the summer he has a chance to meet his fellow workers from all parts of the mission, as well as the stimulus of workers from other missions. And in this contact with those familiar with conditions he receives impressions that will surely be both helpful & pleasant for him to recall whether he be at work in the City or in the comparative isolation of a country station.

The Mission understands how to welcome the new comer. I can vouch for that. It seems to be one thing about which there is no division of thought or action. And I might say the new comer enjoys his welcome! With regards to the friends from both Mrs Donaldson and myself I am

Sincerely

Fred H. Donaldson

Kulsang - China

Sept. 3, 1916

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Fred Philomenkan

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Ingtai, Foochow, China.

April 29th., 1917.

Dr. W. E. Strong
14 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Strong: -

Your good letter to us reached us the latter part of January and I little thought that it would still be among the unanswered at this late date. But here it is, so I think that I had better give an account of myself as it were from then till now. Mrs. D- and myself went to Foochow as soon as we finished giving our boys their final examinations in English so that I might take my first test in Chinese and get back before the river boats took their annual rest at China New Year. The results of the examination have no doubt been forwarded to you already. You must know that I was pleased to get thru the first six months in schedule time although I had not been able to give but half time to the study of the language.

Almost as soon as we returned I started on my first country trip. It was a cold time of the year and because of the New Year festivities a rather expensive time to travel as all the load men wanted extra money for working at that time. But I knew that it was then or very much later as after the opening of school there would be no leisure. The place I wanted to visit was Chiu Leng a hill village about seven puo to the north and west of us. One of Mr. Smith's boys had spent the summer there last summer and had done good work in getting the people interested. They sent down a request to us for a preacher and a teacher for the present year. They were able to meet a part of the financial cost and would furnish a very good building suitable for church, school, and parish house. It looked like a very hopeful situation and we thoughtthat it would be quite worth investigation. The young preacher who expected to be sent up went along with me to spy out the lay of the land. He did not talk any English so I had to use all the Chinese at my command. The day we started was fine-just cool enough for good walking. The load was light so we went along at a good clip. The further we went the more broken the country became until it seemed that the road was little more than a series of Jacob's ladders. None of us knew the way and so we lost it every so often-a feature of the trip that added to our amusement as well as our fatigue. It was after dark when we reached the chapel and both of us were positive that we had walked much more than the necessary

twenty miles.Both of us were also hungry but we had to wait for our supper until a small feast could be prepared. I had supplied myself with a little food not knowing whether I would be able to eat the native meals or not,but I used so little of it that when I returned it seemed to have been just that much extra luggage.

We spent the night in the chapel and were up be-times in the morning to look around and see the country that lay around us. It is a beautiful location!! Two or three narrow valleys surrounded on all sides by high hills.On the tops of the high hills to the north and west of the village are the ancient forts that were built to protect the valley people from the raids of the more savage mountain folk.For many years the only raiding done has been done by the tigers and leopards that find these hills such congenial breeding places.In the old and extremely picturesque temple I saw some fine specimens of skins hung over the altar of one of the gods to appease the animals spirit for the villagers rudeness in slaying its body.It is asking too much of even a patient chinaman to ask him to see his pigs carried off,and occasionally even a cow or a child with out making some retribution.

In this same old temple I saw for the first time the historical Ing-Hok monkey.I knew the people of this district were called monkeys,but I had not chanced to unearth the reason previously. It is because the worship of the monkey plays so large a part in their religious life.According to the tale many years ago this monkey-which if the image is like the original must have been some monkey -was just an ordinary monkey with more than the ordinary amount of brains plus the ability of changing his form to suit his convenience.He realized at last that there was a ~~cla~~ class of beings above him who had eternal life and dwelt in heaven and decided to gain the boon for himself.The gates of heaven were guarded by huge fires and that was the one thing that he was afraid of and dared not face.However he found that there was a keeper who had a fan that could blow the fire away and so he tried to persuade him to do that slight favor,but the man was obdurate and would not listen.Instead he told him that heaven was no place for monkeys.At last the monkey had an idea and changed himself into a new fruit.The keeper saw it and of course ate it.No sooner was it eaten than the monkey reassembled himself and kicked so vigorously that the man was glad to make any concessions desired.And that is how the Ing-Hok monkey gained a foothold among the immortals.

To return to the folks of Chiu Leng,we found them very cordial and very anxious for a school and a preacher.More anxious for the former than the latter I judged,as they were willing to make more sacrifices for it.But to desire either earnestly enough to down into their own pockets we think a great gain for a chinaman's pocket is closer his heart than an american's. We were able to get a teacher,and a bible woman and sent them all up to be under the guidance of the young preacher who was

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with me on this trip. We are hoping and expecting great things from the station. Certainly the time has past when only two or three men in a village of five thousand souls can read the Truth for themselves. It is rather strange to me, considering all that women have to suffer here, that they should be so hard to reach with the truths of christianity, and yet I do think that they are a more difficult proposition than the men. In all that village I was told that there was not a single woman that could read. I called in some of the homes of the men who are very much interested in christianity and the little joss sticks were burning before the altar of mother-hood and the tablets of the ancestors quite ignorant of the fact that their little light was as nothing to the glorious sun light which wanted to shine in but could not because of the mud walls. One of the men told me that a chinaman had a very hard time being a christain if his wife was not one also. And then added that it was very difficult to persuade one's wife.

This is added several days later. When it reaches you, you will be rejoicing in our joy with us for the little note telling you of Miss Susan Donaldson's advent into our home has already started you-ward. We are especially grateful that it was possible for Dr. Dyer to be with us at this time. We know that she is in a measure responsible for the health of both the baby and her mother. I know all of you will share our joy.

When I began this I thot I would tell you about the school here and my seven daily classes, but now I can think and talk of nothing less important than Susan and I know - enough to stop.

Sincerely,

Fred H. Donaldson

Ingtai,

Apr. 28, 1917

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Ingtai,Foochow China.
May 19th. 1919.

Dr.W.E.Strong
Boston
Mass.

Bear Dr.Strong,

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It has been strenuous living for us these last months as you already know.The two battles were certainly climaxes,but we all feel that there are more thrilling times ahead.The end is not yet.We are still under the control of the Peking Government - but we are a long ways from Peking and by the time the arm of the "law" reaches us we see little butthe scratchy end of the fingers.The officers one aim seems to be to extort money from the people.This naturally results in more suffering for the already poverty stricken families up in the hills than can easily be imagined.Then when you go as far as a days'journey from here into the hills (about 20 miles) you find villages that are being held up by the Tu Pi or So.Bandits.These border villages are the hardest pressed for they must needs pay tribute to both sides and get protection from neither as it were.Mr.Smith,whose name seems to be the talisman worn in the hearts of all the people of the district,says that for the first time in his life he is almost discouraged over the conditions of things.That ought to indicate to you that they are pretty punk.

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Fred Walworth Brown

Hankow, Tooshow
May 14, 1919

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Ingtai, China.
Oct.30th., 1916.

Dr.W.E.Strong
14 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr.Strong,
The last Mission letter which we have seen tells us you have the news of our marriage. We are very pleased to know it reached you safely and with such promptness.

We have been here at Ingtai more than a month and are growing more interested in the work every day. There are nearly seventy boys and all of them interesting even if they are not all brilliant. The half day I spend teaching may make my language progress more slowly, but it surely adds to the variety of life. The other day one of the boys told me the chief use of the dog was for food. I am glad to know it, but thankful that I do not board at his house,

The entire staff here is very well and so far have escaped the fever that is causing so much inconvenience in theCity. There is considerable malaria among the boys and girls but I am told that is to be expected. Dr. and Mrs. Whitney are going down to the City for the Annual meeting next week. Our own plans for going down have been thwarted by the painters who are re-dressing the interior of our house. All signs point to a very interesting session and our thot will be united with the prayers of those who will be there that all may be well and that the meeting may be a source of inspiration to all.

Mrs. Donaldson wishes to be remembered to Mrs. Strong and joins me in regards and good wishes to yourself and the Board.

Sincerely,

Fred F. G. Donaldson

Ingtai,

Oct. 30, 1916

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER
FROM
MISS IRENE DORNBLASER
MISSIONARY IN FOOCHOW, CHINA
JANUARY 20, 1912

Mission work is going on more or less, but against **great** odds. I don't know whether or not we told you that the Foochow College (boy's) has adjourned indefinitely. They ran on smoothly until the very time of the battle, and opened again as soon as the American members of the faculty were allowed to return to the city. But the boys were all mad with patriotic enthusiasm, and, after a short time, conceived the idea of asking the general to grant them guns and ammunition for military drill. That of course could not be allowed on neutral ground, and such, mission property must be, as long as the United States does not recognize the new government. When President Peet refused the request, they formed a genuine mob and finally marched out, all of them but the seniors, who really had been the instigators, but who did not want to lose their chance of graduation. The next day the vice-consul went in and dismissed the school.

We here at the Girl's College had of course to dismiss when we, foreigners, went to South Side; and we did not reopen for six weeks after the Boy's College did, because the consul would not give his consent. At last he did, and we had a few weeks fine work. Then trouble came.

After the new government in Foochow was fairly established and in pretty good working order, troops began to be recruited for the fighting in north China. Just at this point some patriotic enthusiasts organized a society of girls as a branch of the "Dare to Die Society." They secretly sent a recruiting officer to this and other schools to enlist the girls. They were told that they were needed to help their country, that the army needed girls who were willing to die if need be, to go along with them to the battles, do cooking, Red Cross work, and to serve tea to the soldiers, and to throw bombs during the battles. They were to stand side by side with the soldiers, and "when the fight began to look hopeless for their army, they were to throw their bombs, and die." They were promised their passage to Shanghai, twenty articles of clothing a piece, and a warm fur coat each for the rigors of the cold climate.

Between ten and twenty of our dear girls enlisted for this work, with the understanding, I have been told, that if for any reason they failed to appear on the set date, death was to be the penalty.

Suddenly, one morning, two of them were missing from school. All searching proved in vain. Immediately Miss Garretson notified their parents, and they came to the college, saying that they had gone into the walled city to a house which they suspected to be one of the rendezvous of the Dare to Die Society, and had found a number of girls gathered together, but did not succeed in seeing their daughters. The leader acknowledged that their names were enrolled but said that they had not yet come.

Miss Garretson gathered the rest of our students together and told them that never in the world had such work been done by girls; that the gravest dangers awaited them; that the government did not want them, and their reputation would be ruined if they went. But they interpreted it as merely meaning that she did not like to see the college break up again. That evening the matron came to her and said: "Now, Sugu, I'll tell you frankly that the Chinese don't like your interference. They all say that the Chinese people are on the side of the Revolution and the foreigners are on the other."

The next day two more girls went, and the following night four more left at two o'clock. Think what it means in China, where a girl hitherto had not dared to walk on the streets, nor to see a man outside their homes. The newly awakened spirit of liberty has taken a greater hold on the present generation of girls in China than any would ever have dreamed would be possible in centuries. We heard afterward that the streets were lined with soldiers that night to see that they got safely through them, and that there had been an escort waiting outside the compound, and that it was actually true that the government was back of the movement, so that any measures of ours to try to save the girls would be looked upon as a violation of our professed neutrality. The intelligent men themselves realized that it was an unwise thing to do, and told us privately that they were opposed to it, but they would not help us, for fear of the people. That is the clinging result of recent heathenism—double dealing.

When the day arrived there was a big parade in the streets, and the new recruits, boys and girls, marched from the walled city past here to the launch landing. There, we have been told, the officer, seeing a crowd of angry, heart-broken, or determined parents hunting their runaway daughters, made a speech, stating that the government was glad to have the boys, but that all they desired of the girls was to see that they had a heart to die for their country; and now that they had proved it, it would be better for them to return to their homes. That appeased the angry parents. But the girls said:

"We are Christians. Jesus died to save His people, and we will die for China. If you don't let us go we will jump into the river and drown ourselves. We must die for our country." (That attitude is a good example of the mixture of heathen and Christian ideals that we meet with on every hand among those of the first generation of converts.) So the officer said: "Well, if you feel like that you must go."

Miss Garretson immediately notified their parents that she would not be responsible for the safety of those that were left, and of course a great many of the parents took their girls home. The rest are taking their final examinations. There are only two more weeks till Chinese New Year vacation anyhow. But you may know that conditions are utterly different from the diligence and earnestness that always have characterized their school-work.

The missionaries from the country stations are all huddled in the city, waiting till the Consul General gives his consent to their returning to their work. So there is very little being accomplished just now.

One new work has opened up as a result of the Revolution. The Manchus are open to the Gospel as never before. Always before they were absolutely unapproachable, but now they are reading the Bible, attending classes, and are eager to hear. It may be because they hope for protection, but whatever the cause, they are **hearing,** a thing they were never willing to do before, and there seem to be some who are accepting this new hope.

Word came last night that the United States has recognized the new government. We don't know whether it is true or not. But there is one new fact—the President, Sun Yat Sen, has issued a proclamation that it is in accordance with his pleasure that all the idol temples be destroyed and Christian churches and schools be erected where they stood. Last night four were destroyed here, and the work is to continue. I want to try to get a picture of one of them if I can.

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"The Three Twins!. Beth and Mr. George and I" was Clara's first exclamation. And then in such rapid succession that we had hardly time to say the words, "The King's Messengers", Wittenberg and the sorority, "The Bosts", "'Rev.' That must be the Springfield ministers. Yes, see, here they are" and the whole list was read. "Look! 'The Bachelors'" And so on over the whole quilt. And every time we have a few spare minutes out it comes for more enjoyment. We never in the world will dare to try to put it over us at night. We'd never get a wink of sleep!

Do you know, we counted up afterward, and found that there were reminders from about FIFTEEN HUNDRED people at our table that day! We took a picture of the room as it looked when everything was opened. I had thought of trying to have a cut of it made to include in this letter; but I am afraid it is too dim. I will send one to Father and Mother, and those of you who are near enough can ask to see it. We label it "The Hardships of Missionary Life." But down in the depths of our hearts we call it "A Part of the Promised Hundred-fold." I never realized till lately how LITERALLY God fulfils that promise.

By virtue of our membership in the Foochow Mission and Clara's recent decision not always to remain in it (!), we had TWO Christmas dinners on the twenty-fifth, one at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Kinnear at noon, and one with the Y. M. C. A. secretaries and their wives and the teachers in government schools, in the evening. With these affairs and several other social functions of the week, we certainly had an ideal Christmas time.

Day after day since then there has been a celebration in some chapel, church or school; and for a couple of months now every mail will bring acknowledgements. So, as I said in the first part of the letter, Christmas is a celebration that lasts about nine months.

For the part each of you took in making it a happy time for two girls that would have given their kingdoms to be around the dear old home table that day, we want to express our sincerest gratitude and appreciation.

I have had an answer to your two letters partly written for a month or more, but don't seem to be able to get it finished! It's very kind of you to write so encouragingly about my article in the Envelope Series and about my language study.

January four,

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I'm dreadfully behind in the latter. But hope for better things, now that my health is so improved. I think now at last that I am sure of becoming acclimated. I had almost despaired. It has been such a hard struggle.

and I can't help feeling so impatient.

Dr. Barton, I should not be at all surprised if my brother should be prevailed up to come to Foochow some day. He is now in his junior year at Johns Hopkins Medical School, and has recently become engaged to the daughter of a Presbyterian minister, the young lady is taking a course of training as a nurse.

Brother has said ever since I came and more than ever since two of his are that he will come to Foochow if he can find a place in this city. He has a government position in mind, but, if there is work for him in our mission as Dr. Neave frequently says there is, I think it not impossible that he will come for it. At least, God has answered my prayers for sister's coming; and I believe He will for Brother too. If it is his plan, I know it will come about. If it is not, I don't want it.

Sincerely,

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These Chinese are strangers in a strange land, knowing neither the language or the customs of the countries to which they go. Whatever social, intellectual or moral forces are provided for others at the front will not be available for these people. They will be away from home and the moral restraints of their conventional life and exposed to many temptations. They will have no social standing and will, of course, be misunderstood as a Chinaman nearly always is. They will need friends,- some one who understands them and can interpret them and who will be interested in their welfare.

There is thus offered to me the unique opportunity of displaying my patriotism by consecrationg the offices of my profession to the noble and humanitarian work of miniatering to the sick and wounded in this great world struggle, and at the same time of carrying out my original purpose of being a foreign missionary to the Chinese. While I am opposed to all war and militarism, and regret exceedingly this present awful affair, my duty seems plain.

I have therefore offered myself and have been accepted as an officer in the Royal Army Medical Corps (R.A.M.C. British) to go to France as medical officer to a Chinese labor batallion. I shall have charge of a hospital at one of the larger bases and will be at liberty to serve in other hospitals as my work will allow.

I have been rushing my work in the Medical School all this term so that I will finish the work one month earlier than usual, namely, the first week in May instead of the first week in June. I shall teach up to the last minute in order to complete the work of the term. All spare time is given to packing and arranging my affairs here. Every day is a strenuous one and is full of excitement and anticipation.

Four Chinese nurses from our hospital here will accompany me. They are all Christian boys and I am anticipating that they will be a great help to me in conducting meetings for the men.

Of course I do not know what my address will be, but will send it to you as soon as I know; in the meantime address letters to me % Messrs. Holt, No.18, Charing Cross London, England, placing after my name the initials R.A.M.C. (Royal Army Medical Corps)

In the blest tie that binds our hearts in Christian love may I ask for a continuance of interest in your prayers in my behalf in this new undertaking.

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I was appointed a committee to interview the other members of the board of managers to see if they had any objection. Of the five members two were away in Shanghai The three here had no objection including Dr Taylor (C M S) who is president and those present felt sure that no objection would be raised by those not present. After this was ascertained the cable was sent.

As I go out under the British army I go as an allie and am therefore a contribution of all three missions and the English may feel freer in granting this request and in helping to supply the vacant place on the faculty. The English have a man who had been on the faculty and who likes to teach and wants to come back He is not available for military service so there is the possibility that he may be secured.

The Methodists were not represented at all last year. Their man being home on furlough. That mission promised an extra man for the Medical School this year but have just decided to have their extra doctor do evangelistic work when he returns from

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were appointed a committee to interview the other members of the board of managers to see if they had any objection. All the other members too were away in Shanghai. We have been told no objection including Dr Taylor (M S) who is president and have present Mr Ivins that no objection would be raised by those not present. After this we ascertained the cable was sent.

In 3 or 4 weeks the Foochoo Evening Gazette and Mission Herald gave a notification of all these meetings and the resolution made in Shanghai to employ the present plan in the hospital. The medical men who had been in the hospital and who had to teach and attend to cases felt it not available for multiplying service so have it the possibility that it may be secured.

The Shanghai men not represented at all last year. Very many times have in Shanghai. Each mission provided an editor annual for the Medical School this year but have just decided to have their editor to accompany students work when the returns from

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furlough this fall. This extra need at the school however may cause them to reconsider their decision and keep to their former plan.

One of the present seniors is to be employed on the faculty next year and this will help out.

I have heard it rumored that it is possible that the American Board will send out a new man this fall I sincerely hope this is true

The American Board has promised 270 hours per year to the Medical School. We exceeded this last year and at my request I was assigned to full time this year and have given twice our pledge already this year

It may seem by the letter to Mentelan that I have applied and been accepted before the Board has consented. What has already gone on is preliminary correspondence ~~and has been~~. Assurance have been given on both sides final action to depend upon the action of the board. My formal application will be handed in tomorrow to the British Consul here and the minister at Peking notified

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POOCHOW UNION MEDICAL COLLEGE

POOCHOW, CHINA.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed news of the school during my absence from Pooch-ow will show you how I have spent my time during the past year.

One of the most serious difficulties we have had to contend with has been the Chinese staff. Some of them have been very good, but others have caused us much trouble.

The Chinese Board has approved of my plan for the Chinese staff to be reduced to 3.70 taels per year to the Medical School. We expected this last year and at my request Dr. Mac consented to hold this post another year. We are very glad this is over.

It may seem to be better to Mr. Miller that I have applied and have accepted before the Board has consented. But the absolutely pressing emergency ~~and the fact~~ Chinese have been going in the same direct action to Dr. Mac upon the getting of the Board. My formal application will be handed in tomorrow to the Medical Board then and the minutes of Pooching notified

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It is understood that the Mission here is not to be put to any expenses There are to be paid by myself and my salary discontinued for the duration of the war.

My temporary address is given in the letter to Montclair

I wish to express my appreciation of the action of the Mission and the Board in granting me this leave of absence. I trust the work will go on as usual at the Medical School. I wish to assure the Board that I am going to do missionary work. I will try to keep you informed

If you can forgive the disjointed fashion in which this page is put together I will sign myself

Sincerely yours
James F. Cooper.

Apr. 27, 1917

Foochow, China.

It is understood that the Mission has no right to any expense when we to go in regard our school, nor be interested by the question of the men.

The Tengmen address is going in the letter to Hunstein

I wish to express my appreciation of the action of the Mission since the Union in appointing me this year of furlough in order to attend the Medical School. I wish to assure the Board that I will try to keep my furlough work. I will try to do missionary work.

If you can forward the enclosed letter in which this page is part thanking I will sign myself

Sincerely yours

Harold Cooper.

REC'D JUN 4 1917

May 2, 1917

Dear Dr Strong:-

After sending my other letter I thought of a matter which I would like to ask about. namely - my furlough. The other missions working here all have five year periods of service for their single people. The feeling is very strong in this mission to have the same arrangement. I understand this has been taken up with the Board already so I need say nothing more about that except add my approval and recomend the five year period for this mission.

As I leave here I have completed four years of service 1913 to 1917. (I will finish my terms work in medical school before leaving) I wish to have the board consider the subject of including the service in France in my first term.

The work I am going to do is medical missionary work for the chinese. I am thus doing the work which I came out to do The leave of absence is not for my own benefit or pleasure. The minimum of service will probably be

one year. The maximum is to be three years
It would be much more convenient for me to return to the States from France and then come back fresh for a full term than to come back and unpack all my goods and then pack them up again after a short time. The unpacking of goods and getting adjusted to circumstances after an absence takes some time Then getting ready to leave and repack will use up more time which would leave very little time for work if the period to be filled here was a short one.

Perhaps the board would rather wait and see how long I am away and consider the matter later. I am disposing of some of my personal goods here and will store others which belong to my outfit

Sincerely yours
James F. Cooper.

Foochow, May 2, 1917

REC'D SEP 18 1917

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Somewhere in France
Aug 26, 1917

Dear Doctor Strong:-

Your letter to me sent to China and London was forwarded to me here. I am preparing an account of my trip and the situation here for the church at Montclair which I hope to mail within a week. I will mail you a copy of it and you may use what you like of it

Address Sincerely yours
Lieut James H Cooper R.A.M.C.
A.P.O.S.1.
B.E.F.
France

James F. Cooper

"Somewhere in France", Aug. 25, 1917

REC'D OCT 1 1917

Somewhere in France
Sept 2. 1917

Dear Doctor Strong:—

I have already written you of my motive for entering the war and of how the way was providentially opened for me to come here. I will now give you a brief account of my movements since leaving Foochow.

As soon as it was known that I was leaving for France the Chinese began to make their farewell calls. Many of them left presents of various kinds including banners with their characters inscribed upon them wishing me Prosperity, Long life, Happiness etc. and framed testimonials of appreciation of my services. This is Chinese custom and is given to nearly all foreigners who engage in public work. These calls delayed my preparations some but finally after farewell parties with foreigners and Chinese I got started on my journey from Foochow on June 15th. I was accompanied to the boat by a delegation of foreigners and Chinese in a pouring rain. I was full of anticipation and glad to be on my way to the front. Five nurses from our hospital in Foochow accompanied me all the way.

On May 24 we arrived at Weihaiwei This is one of the "Coolie Depots" where men are gathered from all that section of China to be examined, classified and drilled. I was due to sail on June 9th on the

Empress of Asia so I worked one week as examining physician. I thus had an opportunity to see the raw material, the process of selection, the outfitting, training and transformation of these men take place. It was conceded by British and American Army officers who were there that these men take to drilling and "get into shape" much quicker than foreign soldiers. Of course these men are not to be soldiers but drilling is necessary to train the Chinese to do team work, to obey, and carry out orders promptly, and exactly all of which they lack very much. The vast majority of these men are farmers and are usually of good physique. When they were "cleaned up" and got into their new uniforms and went out to drill I was proud of them as were all who saw them.

After a week here I changed place with a doctor who wanted to go on the Empress of Asia as his wife and children were passengers on that boat so I left for Tsingtao the other and larger Chinese depot. Here again I worked another week as examining physician giving the regular man a much needed rest and incidentally studying camp life on a large scale and getting acquainted with the officers and men who were to form my party.

The photo which you have was taken at Tsingtao just before leaving It shows 3.300 men. besides the foreign officers and myself. The camp where it was taken was formerly a german silk works but was damaged to some extent by the japanese during the siege. It made an excellent place for the purpose of a camp.

Finally on June 13 we sailed farewell to China and started on our trip halfway around the world to do our bit in the world struggle. In addition to my own five nurses from Tsichow I picked up eight others as we sailed, giving me a staff of thirteen for the voyage. We were all kept busy across the Pacific. In addition to inoculating every man in the party twice with anti-typhoid vaccine We had an average of six in the hospital daily and treated about one hundred and twenty five daily at the dispensary for minor troubles. The liberal diet, lack of exercise and rough sea caused most of the cases.

On June 28 we arrived in Vancouver The tall buildings, electric cars, automobiles fine streets and other modern sights filled the chinese with wonder and admiration They never tired of expressing their appreciation of it all. We could not get them off the deck even long enough to eat.

On June 29 we started across Canada using five trains of fifteen cars each. I was given two Canadian officers to assist me in getting my party across Canada. I took the first and put one on the third and one on the fifth trains using my best nurses on the others. It was a great picnic for the men which they all thoroughly enjoyed. The Canadian rockies the vast wheat fields of Saskatchewan and Alberta were a source of wonder and enthusiastic praise from all. People gathered at all the stations to get a look at these queer people. Their good nature and smiles made them popular all along the route. By pre arrangement I met my mother at Quebec introduced her to my fellow officers and many of the chiefs. We enjoyed two days together here before leaving for Liverpool. We had good naval convoy across the atlantic. One of our ships was attacked by a submarine which was beaten off so we all landed safely in Liverpool.

After leaving Liverpool we made at once for the south coast of England and stopped one night in "Caesars Camp" that is a military camp on the site of where Caesars legions camped when they invaded England.

The next morning at daylight we were on the march again on our way to France. and by night we were here at the "Base Depot" where all chinese are sent for examination classification and outfitting before being sent out in companies of five hundred to the various places where these services are needed.

I have been with the chinese now long enough to get some impressions. I have mingled with them in their social life. I have mingled with them in their homes. I have met them in the class room. I have gone to their homes to treat them in sickness. I have worshiped with them and in fact met them in most of their phases of existance and the more I see and know of them the more I admire and love them.

My friend John is making good in France. He is a rebuke to the slacker. No man loves his home more than he yet he has crossed two oceans and a continent to help win a war in the interests of humanity. Many who scorn him sit at home on soft cushions while he sleeps on the ground at night and works hard all day pushing ammunition to the front. He has been bombed, gassed and wounded but he is no quitter. He is enduring hardness as a good soldier. John helped the British win the South

African war and because of their experience at that time they have invited him to help in this greatest of all wars and he responds nobly. He works long hours and is reliable and cheerful. Many of the "Tommies" have their prejudices against the "chinks" at first like many who do not know them; but that soon goes on mutual acquaintance and you cannot say bad things about the "chinks" to the Tommy who knows him. The discipline of the Chinese is very good. fewer cases have to be dealt with than from a similar number of British troops. In other words he is "making good" he is giving satisfaction and is liked by all and I am proud to be associated with him here.

I am at the Chinese General Hospital. This is the big base hospital and has over one thousand beds. We have a staff of fifteen doctors nearly all of whom have been missionaries to China and are serving for the duration of the war when they expect to return to their fields. The hospital is built, equipped and conducted exactly like those for the British soldiers. Everything is done for their comfort, and speedy recovery when ill.

We can hear the big guns and see the flashes in the sky at night from the front but are out of range of the

gunnan guns. An enemy aeroplane flew over the camps last week but did no damage.

Sir Douglas Haig visited our hospital last week and was pleased with the good showing made by the chinese.

It may interest you to know that I have entered the service here for one year only This arrangement was made during my recent leave to London. Of course I want to stay on this job as long as I am needed but I will have leave to return to the states next summer then I shall take all the circumstances into consideration and return to France or China as the case may be

I intended to type this letter but did not get a chance as I have no machine of my own. Will you please edit this letter and send one copy each typed, to the church at Montclair, one to my mother, and one to Mrs Grimby. You are at liberty to use any thing you care to from this letter for publication at any time

Sincerely yours

James F. Cooper

Address

Lieut James F. Cooper R.A.M.C.
Chinese General Hospital
A.P.O.S. 1
B.E.F.
France.

James T. Cogan

"Somewhere in France," Sept. 2, 1917

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Frochow.

REC'D NOV 22 1917

Somewhere in France
Nov 1 1917

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Dear Dr Stung :-

I am so glad you received my letter telling about the Chinese. I will write to you from time to time telling you about things here.

I know you like pictures. I am sending you a photo of myself so you can see what I look like while I am with the British Expeditionary Force in France. My mother has films of coolies on the ship having their last look at China.

The empty envelope which you received was a mistake I do not know how it got into the post.

The Missionary Herald has not begun to come here yet. Will you please see that I get it especially a copy which tells of the Chinese work and about my coolies?

Sincerely
James G. Cooper.

James F. Cooper

"Somewhere in France" Nov 1, 1917.

Follow!

REC'D NOV 20 1918

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James cover:

~~Somewhere in France~~

Oct 24 1918

Dear Doctor Storey:-

Here I am back again to that mysterious address. After leaving N.S.H. I expected to do some special work in London before joining the Chinese Unit again and was accordingly appointed to the Bethnal Green Military Hospital there. Soon after however our great advance began and urgent requests came for every available young man who was in class A (physically fit) to be sent up the lines in northern France. I was accordingly sent with the assurance that as soon as possible I would be returned to my special work.

I am now right up at the front with the Field Ambulance attatched to a famous division with a splendid record from the beginning of the war. We are right in the midst of the great advance and are close upon the heels of the enemy having very exciting times every day

We are meeting with great ovations from the civil populations of the towns we enter as we deliver them from four years of bondage. French flags are put up and the streets festooned. Our men are being idolized and enjoy it so much after four monotonous

eans of defending trench
warfare.

The fighting on our
front is all done in the
open and is most exciting
The towns in our back areas
are all masses of ruins
but Fritz was timing so
hard when he passed
through this area that these
towns are spared to a great
extent. My duties consists
of receiving the wounded
across the lines and
administering emergency
treatment to the serious
cases and preparing them
to be sent to the Casualty
Clearing Stations in our rear
The work goes on uninter-
uptedly night and day
and as we are short of

doctors we work long hours with little sleep. Often working several days with just snatches of sleep but no time to undress.

I wouldn't miss this experience for anything. I am very glad to have this chance to serve in so worthy a cause with such splendid comrades.

You can get more details from my mother. We are not in any place long but perhaps my brother in law Mr George F. Quimby 5 Pine St Belmont may be able to give you a general idea where I am.

Kind regards to friends at the rooms. Sincerely

Address Capt James F Cooper RAMC
1/3 West Lancs
Field Ambulance
B.E.F. France

Nov 1 1915

Toronto.

In the field James F. Cooper
Nov. 18, 1918

REC'D DEC 13 1918

Nov 18, 1918.

Dear doctor Stony: —

It is hardly necessary for me to write anything about our big push all along the western front which has brought about the glorious victory which is ours. You have no doubt followed it step by step in the daily papers. I just wish to say that I have been in the front line through it all and I rejoice at the honor which has been mine to have had even a small share in bringing about the great results which the allied cause has achieved.

I have been with the liberators through these Belgian villages and towns. I have seen for myself the treachery and cruelty of the foe. The wild joy of these poor people.

Knew no bounds as we entered
their towns to set them free.
Our reception was most enthusiastic
everywhere. Our men were idolized.
Fetes, receptions, and demonstrations
are the order of the day.

Refugees are returning to
their homes by the thousands
and family reunions have
begun. Our own prisoners are
coming back in large numbers.
It is a glorious end of a well
fought war.

I have been chosen
among many others to form
part of the army of occupation
of Germany and we are now
on our way to the Rhine. I
count this a great privilege
and an honor.

I do not know if I will
be released before the ex-
piration of my contract. If
not I shall be home
about the middle of next
June.

Yours

I have not made any plans for the future yet. At present I am hoping to do some studying next summer perhaps some summer courses. I do not want to stay in U.S.A. any longer than necessary for me to get in touch again with general work and the new methods which have been introduced since I left. Then China once more.

Cordial greetings to all friends at the Beacon Rooms

Sincerely
James T. Cooper

New address
Capt James T. Cooper R.A.M.C.
1/4 Royal North Lancs
B.E.F.

Indian.

James F. Cooper

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REC'D JAN 7 1919

On Sheffield

Dec 30 1918

Dear Doctor Shurtz:—

Just a line to let you know where I am and what my plans are.

After our big push in this front we followed the retreating Germans as far as Brussells where I am at present. This is a beautiful city with all sorts of attractions so you can immagine after the life of the past few years all our men are enjoying themselves very much. I am in very comfortable

quarters and in the
best of health.

I am hoping to be
released very soon now
and hope to be ready
to proceed to China
next fall. The
Chinese are beginning
to leave here now.
The first shipment
took place today.

Kind regards to
friends at the Board
Rooms.

Sincerely
Capt James F Cooper
1/4 Royal North Lancs
C.E.F.
France

Looker

REC'D JAN 16 1920

Cologne Germany 264
26 Dec 1919

Dear doctor Strong:—

I am so sorry I haven't got a letter to you before this time however here goes from the "Army of occupation". After a varied career of about a month in London, two months in a garison town in Essex called Colchester I received orders to proceed to the "Army of the Rhine". A leave of ten days was granted most of which was spent in Paris and then on through Belgium to the Rhine. and to the largest and most beautiful of the Rhine country. We were indeed

fortunate to be so well located.
We are billeted with a german family only two minutes walk from the hospital and near the electric car lines to town. The gentleman of the house a Mr Esterkamp was a captain during the war. One son at home now was a Lieut and one son is a Lieut in the regular army so we are quite a military family. They are very pleasant and agreeable and we get on splendidly together.
The industries here are

manufacturing glue paint factories etc as well as all kinds of perfumes. These factories are bogging with more orders than they can fill. Workmen get good pay and judging by the amount and kind of clothes shoping which I say everybody seems prosperous. All places of amusement are always full and the shops do a good business.

Food is rationed but everybody seems to have enough and anything can be bought in the stores although eggs and potatoes are scarce. I imagine that the people in the "occupied territory" are better off than those farther in Germany. A great amount of

canned goods can be seen in almost every grocery store especially American brands.

Many of the people seem embarrassed at seeing the army of occupation but no resentment of any kind is seen and everybody seems pleasant and kind. "The will to fight" is absent here and everyone is hoping that Germany will soon take her place among the nations again. Our relations are most pleasant with the people here and we are looking forward to a pleasant winter here.

Letters from Foochow say they have cabled for Col Reid to come. I hope he has seen his way clear to go. I think he will be a most valuable man especially at this time and even if he does not stay long.

I cannot tell you how sorry I am that I was unable to return as at first planned. however it may be for the best that it was so. We are planing now to return in the autumn I have only signed a contract for six months

This expires the middl
of April so we will be t
in May and can plan
an early start to Foochow

Copies of ad interim
meeting recently recei
ask for the salary of D
Li in addition to myse
for the medical schoo
I am very much in fav
of this and hope the
Board will find som
way to continue Dr Li
at the Medical School
for the present at le
When Dr Rinneau retu
on furlough either t

or I would be called from the school to help in the work at the hospital and it would be a calamity for the A.B.C.F.M. to have no representative there, so I hope he can be continued for the present at least.

Doctor Beard will probably explain more fully the need there at present than I can when he returns on furlough this summer. I hope to see him myself then and get in touch with the affairs of the mission

at that time. James F. Cooper
Dec 28, 19

My wife wishes to be
remembered to you

Cordially
James F. Cooper

Address
Capt James F. Cooper R.E.M.C.
44 C.C.S.
British Army of the Rhine
Cologne Germany.

Rec'd MAY 24 1919

347 Madison Ave
New York City

2 p.s.

Dear doctor Strong:—

I have just received your letter of May 22 concerning health difficulties of Miss Lum in North China. I know the dry stimulating climate of North China is prejudicial to the health of any who have a tendency to nervous instability. This is not true in regard to Foochow where there is more moisture and more tendencies to relaxation rather than stimulation:

Many of the difficulties into which these people with an

unstable nervous condition
get is not attributable to
climate alone but the
"tout ensemble" of conditions
on the mission field which
is a very different environ-
ment to what the person
has been accustomed to
and the trying conditions
in general bring to the
surface what under
ordinary conditions at
home were tolerated
without any trouble
showing itself.

I infer that Miss
Dunn being on short term
services is doing her
work entirely in English
this being the case I

would suggest that a trial be made of Foochow.

I am now on the job again and hoping for good things during the coming month

Sincerely
James F Cooper.

James F. Cooper

New York. May 23, 1919

Rec'd MAY 17 1919

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Dear Arthur Sleeny:-

I am having a very satisfactory time in my work here.

Mr Irving is trying very hard to get me to stay on for a longer period.

I don't see how I can do it if I take the work this summer which I feel I need in justice to my work in China and leave in the autumn as already planned.

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ROY CARRUTHERS, MGR.

I have given him permission to write you concerning the matter and told him I would take up the subject with you when I get back to Boston. I shall call on you some time Tuesday to talk the situation over.

There are not many congregationalists down this way; however I have referred two nurses and a doctor to our board as possible candidates.

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E. M. STATLER, PRESIDENT.
ROY CARRUTHERS, MGR.

I received your telegram and letter this morning and am in touch with Montclair concerning Friday night

Sincerely
James F Cooper

May 16, 1919.

James F. Cooper

New York May 6 1877

In the field
Jan 21/1919

REC'D FEB 10 1919

Dear Doctor Stony:-

I am still in Brussells and will probably remain here until I am demobilized. I have sent in a request to be sent home as soon as possible but of course it is difficult to say just when I shall be able to leave

I expect to come by June at the latest and as much earlier as possible.

I wrote to Dr Houghton concerning teaching but have not heard from him yet. I shall be ready for China after a few months at home and will come in to see you immediately on my return home. I feel sure we will be able to arrange something satisfactorily

Kind regards to my friends at the Bedford Rooms

Hoping to see you soon I remain

Sincerely
James F. Cooper.

James F. Cooper

In service

Jan. 21, 1919

Rec'd APR 15 1913

Pruasang, Fochow,
China.
March ten, 1913.

Dear Dr. Barton, - Ever since I received your kind letter speaking so encouragingly about my language study, I have wanted to write you very frankly about my progress in it.

I got along very normally the first few months, and passed my first two examinations just about as I should have done. Then I was taken ill, and had to come up to Fochow to Dr. Kinnear. After that, the studying dragged more and more until on Kuliang I had a seven-week siege of neuralgia, when the

doctor (Dr. Bliss) refused to let me do any studying, when he found my books piled on the chair beside the bed!

It has been a long, hard fight against the climate ever since. It was an unusually damp year. We practically had one continuous rainy season from September of that year till April or May of the next. I knew nothing about how to withstand it, and simply had to suffer the consequences till I gradually learned the uses of flannel (summer & winter) fire-baskets to dry all clothes and bedding daily and frequent baths and changes of clothing during the day. But that whole summer and again for seven weeks in the spring I was in bed with ~~the~~ neuralgia. Each time, I was just

almost ready for an examination; but the enforced cessation of study just at the critical point where I needed simply to fix what I had gone over left me practically where I had been before with regard to the prescribed course of study.

I have not altogether stood still in learning to speak, though I have not yet gotten to the point which you mention, where I hear and understand without an effort. But, as for the course of study, - I have not completed the first year of it!

I believe its not that I can't get it; for, what I have, I have thoroughly, and Mr. Peet has spoken very encouragingly about my intonation and understanding of what I had. But it has been so slow that, if it had been my fault, I should long ago have given up and

gone home. But I can but feel that it is not my fault.

When my designation was up for discussion I requested that I be sent to Tientsin just because I feared the dampness of Foochow, but said that I was willing to go wherever I ought. Foochow was the decision in spite of my request; and I felt it to be God's own answer. So, I have not a doubt even now that this is where He wants me. But it might have been so different in a dry climate!

I have done the best I know to do to get well, - sometimes against the criticism of a few who did not understand conditions that I have not felt like complaining about except to the physician. And he has not seemed to think it

possible to do more than give me pain tablets for my midnight attacks. So I have practically had to fight it out alone.

I have gradually improved in health since the last rainy season overcoming one phase after another of the trouble until now I have high hopes of withstanding an attack, this rainy season, especially since Dr. Skinner has taken the thing vigorously in hand to prevent it, and is relieving me at last of the anxiety of being responsible myself.

I feel better than I have at any time yet, and studying is going considerably more rapidly. So, I feel encouraged, and all the more certain that, as I have continually believed I will get well and complete the course

and be worth something yet.

But I want to tell you what I have many times thought of writing, - that if there is any well, strong, brilliant person who would come out to my place if she had the money and is held back just for lack of funds, though it would break my heart to do it, I certainly would not ask to stay on here and waste your funds doing less work than she could ~~do~~.

I ought now to be doing full work with the language course completed; but in fact, I give three hours a day to language, and my sum-total of work is Senior Christian Endeavor, inspection of desks, three classes in vocal music, seven organ pupils, supervision of all the organ lessons, and supervision of the Bible classes. (eight in number.)

Following the course of study in vogue when I took my first two examinations, I have completed the first year's work, except the colloquial character and part of the book on which I am now working. And that colloquial characteer work is in the hymns, Lord's Prayer, Creed, Decalogue etc, and I go over those things almost daily in services at home, in school and at church, with the Romanized "cribbed" in the book; so, I think, some day, with very little work I can take that examination. The new course of study, as far as it is complete and final, makes some additions and some exchanges, which throw me about a quarter more behind.

This is the situation as nearly as I can state it. I sometimes wish I could pour

out to some one who would understand, all the passionate pent-up yearning to do the work that has been the desire of my heart! It's maddening just to have to wait when there is so much to do, and the very work that I most love to do! Or, it would be, if one left God out of it. But in it all, I know that I have done His will with a single heart and a single purpose, and that it is of His doing that I am just where I am. So, I believe, He soon will make me able to succeed, and present signs, as well as faith, give great reason to believe it.

When I say I know I have done His will, I do not mean that I may not have made many mistakes, both with regard to my health and as to the language. I am not a physician; and I have much to learn about how to go about the language

most efficaciously. But I certainly have done as wisely as I knew; and I'm eagerly willing to do anything that I may be taught how to do more wisely, if only I can become well and get into the work.

I hope you will pardon such a long letter all about myself and my ailments! I have delayed it longer than I should because I despise to parade my pains and trials. I have made it a rule out here not to let people know what I suffer; but sometimes I have wondered whether it was a wise policy. But at least I have felt that I owed it to you to make a plain statement about my general state of health and how far on I am with

the language of Hawthorne's Notebooks

Will you please write me as frankly what you feel about it, as I have written you? And if you think I am only cumbering the ground, tell me so.

Very sincerely,

Irene L. H. Darnbleser

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July fifth.

My dear Mr. Bell —

You haven't any idea what cheer your letter brought! If you people haven't lost confidence in me, I haven't lost it yet either! And I have a new courage for the summer of study.

I thought Bernhardt Knollenberg was coming to Foochow tutor in the Methodist college. Glad for the Am. Bd. and hope can keep him permanently. He's a fine boy. But I'm sorry it's Foochow.

No I don't know anything about Miss McDowell. You are considerable curiosity. Why she not at Van any longer? Who is the Rhodes man?

With kindest regards.

Gladly, Irene L. A. Dr

Pomasang Fochow
269 China

Dr. Barton, - I have
time for only a card, but
want to tell you that
I am feeling much better,
and that I am able to put
in a full day's work now.
I shall be ready for an-
other language exam-
ination in a week or two,
and as a result my spir-
its are high! I know
you too will be glad.
I am planning to go
Siuliang this sum-
mer. Sister and I will
be together until July 10th
at Beard house with the
Gillettes and Mr. Beard.

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Dr. Jas. L. Barton
146 Beacon St.,
Boston,
Mass

After July tenth, expects to have home of her own. With kindest regards to your colleagues. Sincerely,

Trues Ja N. Dr.

April sixteen, nineteen-thirteen.

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OMNIBUS LETTER NO. 8.

Ponasong, Foochow, China.
Feb. 13, 1914.

My dear Friends:-

It has been a long time since I sent you an omnibus letter. In the meantime, I have done more writing of personal letters; but I had hoped to do both!

This has been such an interesting, unusual year! It began with some very trying experiences, and brought me several serious anxieties, together with the prospect of being left alone when Clara was married. But as is ALWAYS the case, every trial cleared away, and my anxieties were all proved useless, for blessings greater than I dreamed were in store for me, and came out of the very things that had caused me the anxiety. Who will not agree with me that it was worth while to let my sister move to the other side of town when that was the means of giving me a splendid new brother, and of bringing Father and Mother out for a visit to Foochow? Then just in the nick of time, two delightful Y. W. C. A. secretaries came to live with me till they can get a house of their own. So, I haven't even been left alone!

If you have never tried it, you can't imagine what it means to have one's parents come out to visit you on the mission field! Oh, we did have such grand good times together! And it doesn't seem half so far now from Springfield to Foochow.

Aside from the joy of letting them see us at work, we had the fun of showing them the sights. And it was fun! From their amazement at the narrow streets to their sheer terror of the howling mob of coolies, it was one continual picnic to us who had come to see these things with unseeing eyes.

We took them one day, through what we have dubbed "Sunset Avenue", (because there the sun seems always to have set), where one could not possibly carry an umbrella, and has to be extremely careful not to soil his elbows on the mud walls of the houses on either side of the street. They have no difficulty now in understanding why we don't have street cars, carriages, autos nor even bicycles in Foochow. And the unspeakable sights, the unimaginable odors and the terrifying sounds all of which mean nothing unusual to the Chinese are realities to them now. No descriptions that we could write could ever have given them an adequate idea.

But better than that side of it, they have come to know our friends, the delightful missionary circle in which we move, and the dear girls of our school, and other Chinese friends. I wish you all could know them. Miss Crane and Miss Wells, who live with me, are just the most delightful home-mates one could wish, vivacious and attractive, yet cultured and earnest; and Miss Brown next door, is one whom a person likes better and better with everything you see of her, just an ideal friend (I expect to spend my Summer vacation with her at Sharp Peak this year.)

Two of the Chinese girls here especially I have wished many times that you knew. One is Miss Dorothy Chen who has quite an interesting story. She belongs to one of the wealthy families of Foochow, and is a beautiful, attractive, self-possessed girl, one of the most genuine Christians in the school. Her father became a Christian before he died. She said to me one day, "It makes me very happy when I think of my father. When he was dying, my mother wanted to have idol worship, but he said to her, 'No, you need not to worship the idols. I have Jesus now to save me'. So my mother did not do it". I asked her whether her mother believed in God, and she said, "Yes, I think she believe, but she will not yet to confess". She is praying very earnestly for her mother, and I hope she will be as successful in leading her to Christ as she was with her "mother-in-law". When she was a little child, as is so common in China, she was betrothed to a Chinese boy, and though not married to him, was taken to his home to live and to serve the mother-in-law. Her father left her some money in her own right, when he died, and stipulated that she was to be educated; so the mother-in-law let her go to our school. While here she heard of Jesus Christ and gave herself to Him. She became such a sweet, sincere, beautiful Christian that she won a very warm place in the mother's-in-law heart.

One time when she went home for a vacation, she said to her mother-in-law, "Let's clean up"! and they did, quite according to her new foreign ideas of cleanliness. Then she remarked, "these idols are dirty old things! let's throw them out and do it rightly". And mirabile dictu! out went the idols,never to return to that home.

She is a most attractive girl. I wish she could go to America. I can't think of anyone who would be likely to get more out of a college course there. She is very observing, and beautifully free from self-consciousness. If she didn't know American customs, she would simply ask in the most artless, unembarassed way. And I predict she would be one of the most popular girls in her college. But her mother, who still has the first authority over her, does not approve of education for girls, so of course would not send her to America. Besides to break her engagement would entail life-long disgrace. The boy, I'm told, is uneducated and not at all bright. It makes one sick at heart!

Just a few days ago, the bright, active young man who washes for Miss Garretson, left, in high spirits, to be married. An aunt had been the "middle man". Someone else always makes the match, and the two people are not supposed to have seen each other till after they are married. When he came back, he was utterly

heart-broken. He told Miss Garretson, that as he went in for the ceremony, he realized that his bride was practically a dwarf, and by the time he was married to her, he found that she is an invalid, unable to be up more than about two hours of the day. She not only can't help to earn, nor keep house, but must be a constant expense. He had to begin by sending her at once to a doctor. There is little hope that she will ever be better.

The other person that I should like so much to have you all know is Miss Catherine Ling, who has been one of our teachers since she was graduated a year ago. She comes of a poor fisherman's family from down by the sea. Her father is dead and her mother is teaching at a salary of four and a half Mexican a month! That is $2.25 in your money! Through the aid of some of our missionaries, Miss Catherine was enabled to complete her course in this school; and she immediately accepted a position as one of the teaching force, at a salary of six dollars a month. That would be $36.00 a year, in your money. Her ability to speak English has made her invaluable to me in the Junior Christian Endeavor society. I could give her the Christian Endeavor World with the lesson in it, and she helped the younger girls to prepare some part to take in the meeting. She has been most enthusiastic in the work, and tireless in her efforts. She has some little ability at drawing, and, of her own accord, has put an illustrative picture on the board for each meeting. Her enthusiastic manner holds their attention and keeps them interested in a way that shows that she is a born leader of children.

I have been giving her organ lessons; and it has been delightful to see her grasp the spirit of a composer, after a few words of explanation, and convert a lifeless piece of technique into a grand anthem of praise, or a tender melody of love. She can play things her teacher couldn't attempt! Such is the irony of fate on a mission field! One day, during a lesson, she asked what "Gt." and "Sev." meant, and I said they were marks for a pipe organ.

"What is a pipe organ?" she asked. I had not realized that she had no conception of that grand instrument that I love as if it had a soul! And I began to tell her, out of the depths of my longing to touch and hear one again. I showed her the picture of the one in our home church, and described how it was played, and the great rolling volumes of sound it could pour forth, and the soft whisper of the Aoline stop, and the violin, flute, horn and voice! You should have seen her face! She listened with bated breath till I was all through, and then burst out with, "Oh I wish I could hear one! I wish I could learn to play one!" I half jokingly, but with a real desire suddenly born as I saw her face, said, "Maybe some day you will go to America and learn." Her eyes blazed and her cheeks flamed and she said, "Miss Dornblazer, I think about it all day, and all night. I pray and pray to God to let me go. I want it so much that I get sick from thinking about it. Will you pray too?" I promised that I would, and thought of what a helper she would be here when she came back, with the ideals of western civilization, the refinement of contact with cultured people, the broadened vision, and above all the inspiration for service that she would get from Northfield, and Silver Bay and Geneva

and C. E. and Student Volunteer conventions and all those uplifting influences that have meant so much to many an American girl! And the music to a girl of her love for it would be no small inspiration. The more I think about it the more I desire it; and I have been joining her in very definite prayer, which I believe God will somehow answer. I don't see any possible way now, but He has done "impossible" things for me before! I am telling you this, because I want you to join me in this prayer, if God leads you, and if any of you hear of a friend who is looking for such an opportunity, let him know about Miss Catherine Ling.

At the close of last term, I was inquiring one day about her family, and learned that she has an only brother, younger than herself. As soon as she finished school, she resolved to give him an education, and actually started him in to Foochow College, paying his way herse lf!

As I said, she earns $72.00 (Mex.) a year. A friend who felt that she could not live on that, privately made it $96.00 this last year. It took $70.00 to pay her brother's expenses. If I have gotten the whole story, she has lived on $13.00 (American) this year in order to educate her brother! Several people learned this, and she is getting more help, this term. But that shows the qualities of the girl. She has her faults. Sensitiveness and jealousy are her chief ones. But she is a true Christian and outgrows them as fast as she recognizes them.

Since I began this letter, I have received word that Dorothy Chen is not coming back to school this semester. Filial devotion, that great Chinese trait, makes it necessary for her to enter nurse's training. I am very sorry both because we must lose her, and because she confided to me that it was a great cross to her. But I hope if it must be, she may be of service in the Kingdom in that capacity.

I wonder whether you wouldn't like to hear some of the compositions handed in by my English students. If I have time, I'll copy some of them for you. Here is one girl's description of my sister's wedding.

"Wedding

by Josephine Ling.

"When Miss Clara Hill Dornblaser's wedding day came, she was in Mr. McLachlin's house. The house was decorated by the flowers and the plants. Mr. Gold made a flower umbrella which had many electric lights upon it. In the middle had a bell in it. It was a very pretty.

"At first Mrs. Beach play the piano and Mrs. McLachlin sang a solo. Then she play the wedding march. When Miss Clara came from the door, it was very quiet. Without any noise." (This was the most striking thing about the wedding to the Chinese who were there,- this and the fact that she seemed happy! It is unbelievable to them that a bride could be happy, and that there could be a wedding without a din!) "She had four ushers, four bride's maids, one maid of honor, and a best man. There were two preachers to do the precious thing. When it pass, many foreigners gave congratulation to the bride and the groom. Then the people drank the tea" (meaning ice cream and cake and coffee) "and the new pair slipped away."

Here is another, on Chinese Etiquette, by Dorothy Chen:

Chinese Etiquette

Chinese etiquette is almost like American etiquette today, although before the Revolution it was very different. Politeness comes from the example of government officials when they entertain each other. There are two kinds of invitations. The formal invitation is like this;

"Father, Mother are sixty years old. Both of them on the same birthday, the twenty-ninth.
Please come.
Ling Ing-chu and brother Ing-gi
carry son
Baik-ciong, Baik-nguk
daughter Baik-ing and nephew
Baik-gang-
Bow down.
Beg your pardon,
We can not invite you again"

The formal reply would be:-

"Ling Ing-chu Mr.:-

Thanks, thanks, for your invitation to celebrate your parent's birthday. Hope I may go to congratulate all of your family people.

Pupil Senk-gien,
bows down.
Eleventh month, twelfth day.

Or it may be the personal card with "Know" written in the corner.

Informal invitations are either written or spoken. The written ones are friendly letters or notes. If a friend of ours invites us to take tiffin with her, she should say to us;

"Next Monday, go my house eat Tiffin.
Cing -nguk writes."

The informal reply should be:-

"All right, I will go.
Senk-gien writes"

If she invites us with a formal invitation we dress very carefully. In the winter time we ought to wear a satin outercoat and we do not wear a thin silk outercoat which we put on in the summer. If she invites us personally we wear simple clothing. When we arrive at her house, first we greet her because she comes to the outer gate of the court to meet us and invite us to come in.

When we enter her living room or bedroom she asks us to sit in the seat of honor. We must say "No, thank you. YOU sit here." After she has urged us again, we take the seat she offers us. In just a little while her servant brings some things to us to eat. First a cup of tea and next a bowl of vermicello or of whole boiled eggs. After this we have a good conversation. We talk about the weather and tell about what we have done in our school.

When the meal time comes, her servant must tell her and she will invite us to enter her dining room. She will enter the dining room first with us, and the members of her family follow. When we arrive there, we must wait till she invites us to sit down. Then we will take our seats. Before we eat, if we are Chrisians, we must pray.

When we sit down, we find a pair of chop sticks, a china spoon and a bowl of rice at each place,and in the center of the table, a number of smaller dishes, containing fish, meat,vegetables and soup. After the prayer, we should take up the chop sticks in our right hands and the bowls in our left hands. We may help ourselves to the vegetables, but the hostess will take the fish and meat with her chop sticks and lay them in our bowls or spoons, one bite at a time. We should never set our bowls down on the table, and it would be impolite to turn the backs of our hands upward when using the chopsticks. We never use our fingers in eating. When we have enough we lay our chopsticks parallel over our bowls and say, "Eat very, very slowly" to the others.

When we have finished the hostess invites us to her living room to wash our faces and talk a little while. When we want to leave her house we must say:

"Thanks, thanks," and she replies,
"Need not. When you have time, come again to play." We answer;
"We may come again. When you have time, invite you to come to my house to play."

As we are leaving, she bows to us and says,
"Walk very, very slowly"
We bow and reply,
"Invite you to enter."
Then we leave.

You may be interested in hearing how our customs strike them. The following essay by Josephine Ling, on "American Etiquette" will give a glimpse at that. I got a good deal of amusement out of it.

American Etiquette

By Josephine Ling

Saturday before last, Miss Dornblaser invited us to her house to eat tiffin. When twelve o'clock came we went to her house,

and knocked at the door. Miss Dornblaser came out and said,

"Come in, have a seat." So we sat down and talked. When we heard the bell ring, Miss Dornblaser said;

"Let us go to the dining room." When we came in, she said;

"You may sit here." So I stood behind my chair. When each girl had her own chair, Miss Dornblaser said;

"You may sit down," and she led in prayer. First we took up our napkins, and spread them out on our laps to keep our clothes clean. When we had done this, the boy brought in the soup to us, and we ate it with spoons. The spoons had to be pushed away from us, and we had to eat out of the side of them. We had to be careful, because, we did not know what was polite or what was impolite. After we had finished eating the soup, the boy took away the plates, and brought a plate of meat to Miss Dornblaser to cut. When she had sliced it, the boy dealt it to us, and gave us rice, potatoes and vegetables, which we ate with our knives and forks. After these plates had been removed, we ate fruit, such as pomeloes and persimmons. Then we washed our fingers in the finger-bowls, and wiped them on the fruit-napkins. Last of all we drank coffee.

When we were done, Miss Dornblaser arose and we stood up with her, and went to the living room, where we talked a long while.

Finally Mrs. Lau said;

"The time has passed. We must go."

Miss Dornblaser replied, as we were going;

"I am very glad you came. Come again."

We said;

"Thank you" and after our goodbyes, we were gone.

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Foochow, China,
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Copy Forward by W. L. Beach

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efused admission in summer when the foreign missionaries are ab-
ent, still the daily average attendance at the clinic is thirty
r more. Were there a woman's hospital where women in-patients could
e received a very large work would again develop to the great joy
oy of those who have always regretted the closing of the Woman's
ospital.

In Foochow city and suburbs there are about 600,000 with perhaps
,000,000. in the near vicinity. For medical provision missionaries
ave opened three hospitals for men and five where women are received.
Of these five all are small and with inadequate equipment except
he Methodist Woman's Hospital, the one farthest distant from the
ity. In each of the ten out-lying districts of northern Fukien
here are resident physicians and small hospitals, still, with the
xception of a few of the Foochow hospitals, the medical work of
orthern Fukien is restricted to comparatively miner surgical work
ith a very large dispensary practice. Medical cases, such as pneu-
onia, fevers, bowel troubles etc. have never been adequately pro-
ided for and could not be without a corps of skilled nurses as well
ll as doctors. There are Chinese women of our Mission training
or nurses in other Women's Hospitals who would be available at once
nce for a Woman's Hospital.

Up to the present time there has been no thoroughly equipped
ospitl at Foochow, altho' treatments have numbered up to 30,000.
year in our City Men's Hospital, but this autumn a new, large
ressure steam sterilizer, an X Ray outfit and facilities for all
inds of electrical treatment will be at hand and our Foochow Mis-
ionary Hospital for men will be thoroughly equipped. Furthermore
he same hospital has an organization which makes it possible for
staff of doctors to work together without duplicating work. There
s a trained foreign man nurse to take general superintendence
f the hospital. His work and that of the staff of foreign physi-
ians is outlined and approved by a Board of Directors, thus the
olicies of the hospital cannot be decided by any one individual.
lso a training school for men nurses is in operation and the first
urse will be graduated this fall, thus insuring a supply of skilled
elp for ward cases.

The standard of work aimed at can readily be seen from the above
tatement and the standing of such a hospital in the community
ould be a great asset to a Woman's Hospital affiliated with this
nstitution. Also the outfit at hand would be another great asset
s much of it would be available for the Woman's Hospital.

But most of all, the united work can command a Chinese expert
athologist, which technical work is absolutely necessary for prop-
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Hospital, are sent to other hospitals for hospital care and entire refused admission in summer when the foreign missionaries are absent, still the daily average attendance at the clinic is thirty or more. Were there a women's hospital where women in-patients could be received a very large work would again develop to the great joy of those who have always regretted the closing of the Women's Hospital.

In Foochow city and suburbs there are about 600,000 with perhaps 2,000,000 in the near vicinity. For medical provision missionaries have opened three hospitals for men and five where women are received. Of these five all are small and with inadequate equipment except the Methodist Women's Hospital, the one farthest distant from the city. In each of the ten out-lying districts of northern Fukien there are resident physicians and small hospitals, still, with the exception of a few of the Foochow hospitals, the medical work of northern Fukien is restricted to comparatively minor surgical work with a very large dispensary practice. Medical cases, such as pneumonia, fevers, bowel troubles etc. have never been adequately provided for and could not be without a corps of skilled nurses as well as doctors. There are Chinese women of our Mission training for nurses in other Women's Hospitals who would be available at once for a Women's Hospital.

Up to the present time there has been no thoroughly equipped hospital at Foochow, altho' treatments have numbered up to 30,000 a year in our City Men's Hospital, but this autumn a new, large treasure steam sterilizer, an X Ray outfit and facilities for all kinds of electrical treatment will be at hand and our Foochow Missionary Hospital for men will be thoroughly equipped. Furthermore the same hospital has an organization which makes it possible for a staff of doctors to work together without duplicating work. There is a trained foreign man nurse to take general supervisionof the hospital. His work and that of the staff of foreign physicians is outlined and approved by a Board of Directors, thus the policies of the hospital cannot be decided by any one individual. Also a training school for men nurses is in operation and the first nurses will be graduated this fall, thus insuring a supply of skilled help for ward cases.

The standard of work aimed at can readily be seen from the above statement and the standing of such a hospital in the community would be a great asset to a Women's Hospital affiliated with this institution. Also the outfit at hand would be another great asset as much of it would be available for the Women's Hospital.

But most of all, the united work can command a Chinese expert pathologist, which technical work is absolutely necessary for proper diagnosis. Practically no work has been done in this most important line. A good pathologist who gave entire time to the work

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OMNIBUS LETTER NO 9.

Ponasang, Foochow, China.
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Dear Friends all around the Globe:

It has been a long time since I wrote a regular omnibus letter, though I have sent you other things in the meantime -- "Foochow Messengers", cards, calls to prayer, and booklets. Several of you have written sentences like this in letters to me of late: "Somebody, I don't know who, sent me your little Christmas story." I think a word of explanation will help to keep us more in touch with each other. The fact is, I sent you the story myself, and it is I who send the omnibus letters. Their coming with an American stamp does not mean that they do not come direct from me. It simply means that I save many dollars each time by sending them in the bulk to a friend who has a list of your names and addresses and mails them to you for me. You will forgive the seeming impersonality, I am sure, when you realize that it has actually saved me the difference between $25.00 and $10.00 on each Omnibus letter, and the impersonality is only seeming. It is I who write the letter, and I have you very definitely in mind, as I write it and send it off.

This time, I have been bending every energy to finish the Chinese study which my long illness prevented before this summer, so the letter is very late.

Not long ago, I had the pleasure of visiting our Inghok station for the first time. On the way back, I wrote an account of the trip to my home folk and, as I wrote, it occurred to me that you might all enjoy the account. So I am going to combine parts of it with a story of our splendid summer conference of the Y. W. C. A. here, and send it to you for omnibus letter No. 9. If it seems a rather disjointed composition, you will understand. But it tells of two of the big experiences of my last few weeks here.

I never have so enjoyed my school work as this term. I am getting more and more Bible and less of the other things that were only makeshifts; and the girls are so dear, and are growing so earnest and enthusiastic!

First, -- The Y. W. C. A. Conference:

After the eight years that had elapsed since the last summer conference held in Fukien, it might have been expected that enthusiasm would be slow in developing; but the delegates had barely assembled before it became evident that they were already catching the spirit; and their keen growing delight as the days passed by was one of the greatest joys of a week rich in blessing. The first evening found them shy but eagerly expectant. One of them said rapturously to a leader, who had done much to interest her in the conference beforehand: "We are having them- the thrills! You said we would. You remember you said you used to have them when you went to a conference? Well, we're having them." Another girl was heard to remark that it was too bad their language had no word to express those queer feelings that ran up and down her spine. Others, less inclined to the sentimental,

spoke, as the days sped by, of their pleasure in new friendships, and of the good, wholesome spirit of fun that prevailed everywhere. And their earnest, deeply interested attention bespoke an attitude none the less genuine because more difficult of expression.

The daily program was of the usual type, beginning with the Morning Watch, with prepared devotional lessons, which gave to many a delegate, we believe, a clearer personal vision of Jesus Christ, and a better conception of the Quiet Hour than she had ever had before.

There were five Bible classes meeting daily at 8:30 A. M. One, on The Life and Character of Jesus, was lead by Rev. W. L. Beard, president of Foochow College, and former secretary of the Foochow Y. M. C. A. Mr. Beard, whose teaching always comes out of a daily growing personal acquaintance with God, had a large class of earnest students. The course designed for those who had never done any Bible study and knew little of Christianity was lead by Miss May Hu, a Chinese lady just back from Pekin. She was very popular with the girls throughout the conference, and her genial personality did much to interest her class in the Christianity which she lived as well as taught. Miss Eleanora Wong was another Bible class leader of whom this was true. Her class studied The Teachings of Jesus.

One of the beautiful features of the conference was the active, prayerful interest taken by the stronger Christian girls in the non-Christion delegates. This was due partly to the personal workers' band, lead by Miss U Ong Seu of the Anglican Girls' School in Foochow, and to the Bible class taught by Miss Elizabeth S. Perkins of Foochow Girls' College. The latter studied The Spread of the Kingdom, and was intended especially for those who were interested in personal work.

The fifth group was a normal class conducted by Miss Daisy D. M. Brown, of the American Board Bible Women's Training School in Fukien. They studied The Ideal Lesson, and The Ideal Teacher, and then, from the point where they learned that the ideal teacher ought to be thoroughly acquainted with her subject, - since these were girls who were going out to teach Christ, - they began a study of Him, which certianly seemed to lead that large class of earnent girls into a personal acquaintance with Him such as they had not before supposed possible. The keen eagerness with which they besieged the leader with questions and their reluctance to leave the room after class showed both their interest and the fact that they were learning to think. Their sense of Chinese humility and their natural timidity prevented any of the delegates from seeking personal interviews with conference leaders, although the invitation was given; but the experience with this class proved that it is not because they have no problems or are indifferent about them.

The Method Hours of the week gave to many girls a clearer understanding of the Association and its ways of working, and was as usual the means of bringing to light a number of them who showed marked leadership. Probably the most entertaining of these hours was the one in which a group of the leaders held a model comittee meeting, the devotional committee, planning the first month's meetings. It was here that Miss Crane

won for herself the reputation for opposing things, by a performance which made her so completely a star in the eyes of the admiring girls that her friends laughingly told her that committee meetings copied after this model would all imitate her opposition if nothing else was remembered!

The conference was particularly fortunate in the speakers for the daily platform meetings, although two of those most counted on failed at the last moment. The substitutes found on such short notice were among the most effective and inspiring speakers. Some of the most helpful topics were: How to Enter into Christian Discipleship. How to Maintain and Express Christian Discipleship. True Discipleship in Relation to the Will of God. Friendship with God. The Price of Christian Discipleship. Prayer the Dynamic of Christian Discipleship. Christ the Supreme Example, and Fruits of Friendship with God. The messages were earnest, practical, pointed, and Spirit-filled; and seemed to make a deep impression on the girls.

Several special vesper services were arranged, chief among which was the one at which Mr. Wong, a very recent and most thoroughly consecrated young convert to Christianity gave his testimony. He is a modest, unassuming young man simply on fire with the faith that has come to mean so much to him. He told of his original opposition to Christianity, of the quiet, long-continued influence of a friend who at length led him to be willing to study the Bible, of his growing conviction of the truth, and of the long, painful process of learning how to pray in a way that convinced him of the power of prayer, then of his desire to confess Christ, of the gradual realization that being a Christian would involve a complete transformation of his whole living and character, and of the strong sense of his duty and privilege of leading others into the joyous, triumphant life he is learning to live in Jesus Christ. The girls were intensely interested; and there is every reason to believe that that talk has done much to give them a lasting vision of vital Christianity and consecration.

This Mr. Wong's conversion is largely due to the beautiful life and believing prayers of one of the conference delegates, Emily Wong, his niece. And to the two of them is due the presence there of perhaps the most interesting delegation in attendance, the Loi-ciu girls. They are the highest class in a large native school held in Mr. Wong's home at Loi-ciu. None of them is a Christian, but they are unusually attractive girls, girls of great promise. It had not been the purpose of the local committee to have any non-Christian delegates at this first Fukien conference, because the Foochow Association is not yet in a condition to follow up such work. But such an urgent request came from these six girls and from Mr. Wong for them that it was decided to allow them to come. The woman who is to teach them was also at the conference.

When they arrived they were painted and powdered and much over-dressed, but before the first meeting every vestige of this had completely disappeared; and before the end of the conference, there was a noticeable change in the expression of their faces. Everyone saw the growing light and joy in them.

The one delegate from a government school was a girl from the Loi-ciu, a former student in the school in Mr. Wong's house. She

knows more of Christianity than the other six, but has not yet yielded. The conference seemed to make a deep impression upon her, and there is reason to believe that it will not be long before she accepts Christ, especially since Mr. Wong and Emily, as well as several of the foreigners have her definitely on their hearts.

The conference abounded in native doctors, most attractive young women, whose few professional services showed them to be quite efficient; but they proved to be the proverbial "ounce of prevention" and had very little to do.

The self-government organization also reported a very easy time of it.

The recreations were splendidly planned and ideally carried out by Miss Jones and Miss Crabb. They were neither overdone nor neglected, and the girls seemed thoroughly to enter into them all. Friday was Stunt Day; on Saturday, there were sight-seeing trips over the city and immediate suburbs, visiting especially many schools, among which the school for the blind seemed by far the most interesting to the girls; Monday offered them a delightful launch trip to Pagoda Anchorage as the guests of Miss Lambert, head of the C. M. S. Girls' School, Nantai; on Tuesday, they were given a musicale; and on Wednesday, the committee taught any one who desired games which they could use in social service work.

Stunt Day was a new thing to the delegates; and many a leader was nonplussed during the first two days by the question: "What is s-t-u-n-t in our language?" But the concept was formed, though the language puzzle remained unsolved.

The Loi-ciu delegation blindfolded, added on a blackboard the finishing touches to a character that lacked several strokes. Their own enjoyment of the performance was most genuine and native. Another group consisting largely of teachers, one of whom was a Bible-class leader, went through the daintiest of kindergarten play, to the great merriment of their students. The conference leaders, - "the invited nobility", as one of the girls termed them in all seriousness in a composition on the meetings afterwards, - conducted a language school, and a Chinese tea-party, under the general title "What a Foreigner Ought not to Do". Miss Doppock and Miss Crane in the role of Chinese coolies quite convulsed the assembly, foreigners, as well as delegates. One delegation explained that Miss Mayhew's talk on physical culture the day before would no doubt have been excellent for American girls, but that as every Chinese knew Americans always did things wrong-side-foremost. So these girls proceeded to give the proper Chinese version of Miss Mayhew's exercises. Their clothes were put on wrong-side-foremost, their hair was braided or coiled over their faces, and they all wore false faces on the back of the head. Probably the cleverest stunt of all was a most realistic hospital scene given by the day delegates from the hospital next door. Any one who has ever seen an old-fashioned Chinese woman come in for treatment, heard her version of what ailed her and of the kind and quantity of medicine she should be given would appreciate the extreme cleverness of the acting in this stunt. That afternoon's fun did much to prepare the girls for the more serious things to come, and surely impressed them with the wholesomeness of the Christian life.

Sunday was a day never to be forgotten. Every service was beautiful and inspiring; and the early morning Communion service held in the churchly little chapel of the C. M. S. Girls' School was one that must have made a lasting impression upon the delegates. It was most impressive and helpful. It meant a great deal to the leaders to have that invitation come from an Anglican school because of the recent debate on the subject of united communion; and it makes one realize that on the mission field workers see things in their true proportions in a way and degree that argues well for the hope that some day we "all may be one".

One could not go through this conference without gaining in optimism and joy: God is so evidently working for China's young women in power such as we had not the faith to see a few years ago. Certainly He was in the hearts of all these girls, as their whole attitude and the testimonies in the last meeting as well as in the delegation meetings clearly showed. And reports from them in their various schools tell of a new light in the faces, and a new joy and power in service, that cannot be overestimated in their promise for the future. If we do our part now in faithful intercession, God can use the results of this conference to transform the womanhood of Fukien Province.

What follows, I wrote from Inghok:

I'm really here! There were so many delays and changes that I almost decided I had failed again to get here; but suddenly a boat came for us and we were told to get our baggage ready by the next morning at six o'clock, and to be at Unag-bieng-gaek the following morning at eight ourselves. We decided to take our baggage with us overland to Uang-bieng-gaek instead of sending it ahead to the boat at Sangbo, since we had to take beds and bedding and wash bowls, etc., which we thought we might need ourselves that last night at Ponasang.

I got up at five Friday morning, packed, had breakfast, and we were off by seven. We rode by chair across Mantai Island and found the boat at Uangbienggaek. It was one much like the sampans, only a little larger, - wide enough to put two chairs side by side in it. There we spent two days and a night. It was lots of fun! We hung a little curtain up behind our half of the boat and had a cozy little sitting room all to ourselves.

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As I was saying, twilight is so short here that it was scarcely sunset till it was quite dark. We pulled up to a shore, among a lot of ill-smelling boats, and Hok-hi, the Ing-hok man who came for us, gave us a lantern and said: "Now, Su-gu may go and play awhile." We were glad of a chance for exercise even at that late hour, and started on a tour of exploration in the inky blackness. When we got back to the boat, we found all the hands closely huddled around something right where Miss Cook's suit case ought to be. They seemed embarrassed when they saw us and tried to persuade us to "play" a while longer. We declined, and they reluctantly left the spot and began to make up our two canvas cots. These two cots just exactly filled the space, and one mosquito net covered us both. We were unutterably thankful for that net. It kept out almost all of the myriad insects that seemed to cover the lantern and that made life miserable for us when we tried to sit out on deck and read poetry. Somehow Browning and Tennyson didn't seem to go well, and we soon gave it up! It was then that we noticed there was a good barrel-full of water under the fore deck, and the boatman kept dipping it out stealthily. I asked whether there was a leak, and they said, no, it just splashed in! (I hear a roar ahead, and see a row of ten men tugging a boat over the rapids.)

Our boat soon pulled out from that smelly spot, much to our delight, and found a cooler, sweeter place; and we got out of our clothes as best we could with no place to stand bigger than a pocket handkerchief and with an interested crowd of spectators almost ready to climb aboard! Can be done, - disrobing under such circumstances! Once I might not have thought so, but I got along beautifully. Suddenly, they began to shut up the boat in a way we never had dreamed possible when we were wishing for a little more privacy. (Here are some pretty good rapids. And that was simply great! More exciting than coasting. We went in a horse-shoe curve, with big rocks on both sides, leaving just room enough for the boat between, and the water is so swift that we fly through and the splashes up along side in beautiful white foam! Then, while I was writing that sentence, we were into another, not so big as the last, but quite as swift and beautiful.)

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a protection against thieves. It probably was; but there was another reason too, as we soon learned. Whispered councils by lantern light, outside the drawn cover, the sudden disappearance of all but one or two of the crew, stealthy hammering on the hull, and Miss Cook's discovery of rising water just beneath the boards under our cots told the tale. But as there was nothing that we could do, and as the Chinese never leave us to disasters, and as we knew that all would be well in the end as it always is, we went to sleep and slept sweetly, - at least, I did,- beautifully,- and never wakened till Miss Cook tumbled over my foot next morning trying to get dressed. We didn't go to the bottom. They evidently got the boat patched up, and I'm in it again (the same one), going back! (Here are the eight rapids, not very exciting, but swift enough to make a good cool breeze. Here are the ninth, not very big ones. They grow less and less important now. Miss Strang says they are quite big and exciting away up above Inghok. We're in sight of number ten now, and they look pretty fair. I'd like to have them the whole way, only I shouldn't be able to write. We whirled around the corners that time, and never touched a rock. It's beautiful steering.)

We got to Inghok Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. That was unusually good time. The Girls' School, where Miss Strang lives, is upon the hillside overlooking the river, with roaring rapids right in front of the house and the most wonderful cluster of mountains directly before it. It's the most exquisite scenery I have ever found. If the Min River is the "Rhine of the Orient", the Inghok River has no rival in Europe. My bedroom had a veranda overlooking all that wonderful view! If there ever was a spot made for a quiet hour it must be that one! (We are coming to the eleventh rapids. I have heard that roar for the last ten minutes. We are stopping to let another boat get up before we start down. Seven men are tugging it. That coasting was the most exciting yet! We just scudded through and at the very end gave a sudden dip about three feet deep and then up again and on out over the smooth water! It was great!)

On Sunday morning, we went to Sunday School over in the compound where the Smiths and Whitneys live and where the boys' school is located. It is about fifteen minutes away from the girls' school compound, and there are three different paths between them, each perfectly beautiful in its own way. (Rapids No. 12.) The farm houses up this way are so much more like home farm houses! Even the scenery is more like America. There is a fine chance to study birds in these trees and bushes along the river. We have seen wagtails, kingfishers, bishop crows, magpies, flower-brows, pheasants, and many others. The air too is full of ozone.)

Sunday school was held at 9:30 and church at 10:00. There was a congregation of about one hundred and fifty that morning, very attractive, intelligent looking people. (The seventeenth rapids. No wonder the boat springs leaks,- the way we go bumpity-bump over the stones in these shallower rapids where there is no path free from them! This stream never in the world would be considered navigable in America, unless they dredged it,- as they probably would. But, here, it has been travelled for centuries with the same arduous work, not even using donkeys to tug the boats. Poor souls! They are thankful for that means of earning a living. But one would suppose they would at least be glad to make it possible to earn it more easily.)

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There was one little old woman at church who interested me. She had applied for church membership and, knowing that she came straight from heathenism, they rather doubtingly inquired into her knowledge of the doctrine. Her reply was: "I don't know anything about the doctrine. No, I don't know much about God; and I can't read. I'm too old now to learn much about new things. But one thing I know. I used to want to swear and now I don't want to any more." They admitted her, and she attends regularly, though, as she says, she is too old, and her mind is too dull to take in the mental part. There is absolutely no head-knowledge there, but the heart is right and there is evidence that God is in it.

There was a two-year old baby girl there who fascinated me,- a little dirty darling, with the sweetest face and head and hands and feet. I like to call her Fern. I hope she will some day be a student at Ponasang. I don't want to forget her. This is her story:

The son of a preacher and his wife had a new little baby girl, and to their great grief she died the day she was born. In his distress and disappointment, the father went out to walk, and came suddenly upon a pile of ferns with a few-hours-old baby girl lying on them. A man was standing near, and this young man asked him if he knew where the baby came from. He said: "Yes, I brought it." "Whose is it?" "Mine. I don't want it. It's only a girl." "What are you going to do with it?" "Leave it here to die, of course! I have no money to waste on a girl." The young Christian said: "When was she born?" "This morning." Then the young man said: "Well, I have a plan. I had a baby girl who was born this morning too. She died, and we wanted her. I'll take this baby to my wife, and you may have her when she is grown up." The father replied: "Take her, if you want her, but don't ever expect me to take her off your hands. She's yours if you take her. I don't want a girl." So he took her home. The next year his wife died and his friends immediately began to try to find a place for little Fern. When he found it out, he said: "What do you mean? Will you rob me of my baby too because I have lost my wife?" So his mother (or-mother-in-law) is caring for the child. She had her at church, and I held her in my arms and fanned her while she took a good nap.

Oh, I wish you could see these mountains! This is a delightfully restful trip. I'm so glad I came! Now, I hope I can go to Shaowo at China New Year. Miss Perkins, and possibly Miss Crane, and I are thinking of going. I hope the weather will not prevent again. Then I shall have seen all of our Foochow mission stations; and I'll be ready to see north China and Japan on the way home.

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It begins to seem not very far in the future that I shall be going home for furlough! Two years, after five have passed, don't look very long. I'll hope to write you three or four Omnibus letters in the meantime, and then, - I shall hope to see you all, all of you who are in Japan and America, - and I surely will appreciate my friends as I never did before.

Gladly,

IRENE LA W. DORWELAER.

There was one little old woman at church who interested me. She had applied for church membership and, knowing that she came straight from heathendom, they rather doubtingly inquired into her knowledge of the doctrine. Her reply was: "I don't know anything about the doctrine. No, I don't know much about God; and I can't read. I'm too old now to learn much about new things. But one thing I know. I need to want to swear and now I don't want to any more." They admitted her, and she attends regularly, though, as she says, she is too old, and her mind is too dull to take in the mental part. There is absolutely no head-knowledge there, but the heart is right and there is evidence that God is in it.

There was a two-year old baby girl there who fascinated me, - a little dirty darling, with the sweetest face and head and hands and feet. I like to call her Fern. I hope she will some day be a student at Pomasang. I don't want to forget her. This is her story:

The son of a preacher and his wife had a new little baby girl, and to their great grief she died the day she was born. In his distress and disappointment, the father went out to walk, and came suddenly upon a pile of refuse with a few-hours-old baby girl lying on them. A man was standing near, and this young man asked him if he knew where the baby came from. He said: "Yes, I brought it." "Whose is it?" "Mine. I don't want it. It's only a girl." "What are you going to do with it?" "Leave it here to die, of course! I have no money to waste on a girl." The young Christian said: "When was she born?" "This morning." Then the young man said: "Well, I have a plan. I had a baby girl who was born this morning too. She died, and we wanted her. I'll take this baby to my wife, and you may have her when she is grown up." The father replied: "Take her, if you want her, but don't ever expect me to take her off your hands. She's yours if you take her. I don't want a girl." So he took her home. The next year his wife died and his friends immediately began to try to find a place for little Fern. When he found it out, he said: "What do you mean? Will you rob me of my baby too because I have lost my wife?" So his mother (or-mother-in-law) is caring for the child. She had her at church, and I held her in my arms and fanned her while she took a good nap.

Oh, I wish you could see these mountains! This is a delightfully restful trip. I'm so glad I came! Now, I hope I can go to Shasowo at Chinese New Year. Miss Perkins, and possibly Miss Crane, and I are thinking of going. I hope the weather will not prevent again. Then I shall have seen all of our Foochow mission stations; and I'll be ready to see north China and Japan on the way home.

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Do you know what is the first thing I'm going to revel in doing when I get home? *Sit bare-headed in the sunshine* a whole day at a time, and *breathe and breathe* to my heart's content! For six years I have never dared to be without a hat for two minutes out of doors or even on a veranda. And oh, the deadness of the air! I sometimes feel as if I could not live if I couldn't get enough oxygen to fill my lungs just once. I don't have to wait for that, though, even till I get to America. I'll get ozone on the steamer before I have fairly left the Anchorage. Before I reach American shores, too, I shall have seen railroads and street cars and real streets. But I'll wait for the homeland for my sodas! I tried them in London and Paris on the way out and prefer the Chinese variety (none at all)!

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As I draw my work to a close, I must come to the humiliating realization that I was led to China much more for the lessons I needed to be taught before I could be used, than for the work I could do here. But I'm thankful from the depths of my heart for what little I have been able to do. And as I look back over the years with their failures and achievements, and study the lives and work of my fellow missionaries, I feel more and more that the *life* counts more than the work, the *prayer* more than the tasks. If I had my six years to live over again, I should try, I hope, to make my character, disposition and prayer-life so vitally Christlike, that it would not need to matter if for instance one were ill and could not even finish her course of study till she was just on the eve of her furlough!

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Gladly your friend,

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Rogers. Arkansas
604 S. Sixth St.
Jan. 32. 1912

My dear Mr. Bell:

Your letter came just before Christmas which perhaps accounts for my delay in answering.

I think you have perhaps heard from the Womens Board in Chicago that I have been granted an extension of furlough for purpose of study.

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I do hate to see the Bements go without me but this seems to be the most satisfactory arrangement for me, as I feel I need the further study.

I hope the New Year is opening with bright prospects for you and all the workers of the American Board

Cordially yours,

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Shaowu, China
Oct. 4th, 1913.

My dear Mr. Bell:

Before I left my home in America I received a copy of the biography of Dr. Ament. In the hurry of those last days I failed to acknowledge the receipt of the book. I think it came through the Board Rooms and I want to thank whoever sent it. I am very glad to have the book. The later missionaries owe a great debt of love and reverence to the men who have gone before us in the work - not only in our own fields but all over China.

I know what Dr. Walker's life and influence as well as his work means here in Shaowu, and I am glad to know more of the North China missionaries, too.

I sailed from San Francisco August 7th and had a pleasant and speedy journey. The only bit of typhoon that

Shanghai China
Oct. 4th, 1913

My dear Mr. Gail

Under a left my home in Shanghai
received a letter from Yokohama
stating that I should leave Yokohama
for Shanghai on the 25th of this month
to take charge of the work there.
Shanghai opens up a great field
for work and I am very glad to
have come to this country at this
time and have so great faith in
the future of the work in China.
I am very grateful to the men who
have had charge of the work here
during your absence and to the men who
have come out recently to help us
in the work.
I know what Mr. Watkins life and
influence in will be in this work because
he is Shanghai and I am glad to
know more of the work China was
accomplishing.

I realize that Shanghai Support
is the end that of financial and spiritual
training. We only hit of trying that

experienced was on the journey from Shanghai to Foochow. Crossing the Pacific I was the sole representative of the American Board, although there were other missionaries. I was glad to meet Dr. Platner of Andover, who left the boat at ~~the Philippines~~ Hawaii and who plans later to visit our mission in Foochow.

I had to wait at Shanghai for a coast steamer only one day, and was in Foochow only a day. I did not see many of our missionaries but hastened on up river. Mr. and Miss Bement were waiting for me. We reached Shaowu Sept. 19th. That is the quickest trip ever made between America and Shaowu, I believe - only a few days over five weeks.

The schools are all open now and running smoothly. Fall terms in China are never so well attended as spring terms, however. I am in the girls boarding school with Miss Bement again. We have over

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[illegible] to Teaching. Considering the
[illegible] I was the only representative
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ifty girls now, and some who are
delayed. The enrollment for the spring
term was ninety. I have also been
given charge of all the N. B. M. I
day schools in the Shaowu field, so
that I expect to be a busy person.
It is good to be back again. I am
always so perfectly happy in Shaowu.
I like the Shaowu people, I like the
work and I like my fellow missionaries.
Things seem to be very quiet here
now. Last week there was a little hint
of trouble but it soon quieted down
and we hope for a good year of un-
disturbed work. It is never very safe
to prophesy concerning China. The
changes are not as many or as
radical as I had expected but one
cannot help but feel the influence
of the new life that has come to China.

With best regards to all.

Cordially yours.

Grace A. Funk.

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Shaowu, China
April 5th, 1917

My dear Mr. Beard:

Your letter received containing communications from the American Board. I have sent them to the East Gate. We have had no business meeting since I received your letter concerning the Shaowu motions tabled by an interim Committee. We appointed a committee to write the letter about the medical value but they have evidently not done so yet.

However, the Station has passed a circular vote asking the Mission "to unite with us in request for Dr. Bement's furlough, to begin, if necessary, as soon as Dr. Bliss or some other doctor comes to relieve the medical work in Shaowu." This vote bears the signatures of all the Shaowu station, uniting in the request.

Dr. Bement has not been well for some time, the seriousness of her condition being evidenced by almost continuous attacks of boils and carbuncles for more than a year, and by continual coughs.

bronchial and asthmatic affections.

As a minor consideration we are also taking into consideration that Dr. Bement's furlough in the near future will more evenly distribute terms of service and furloughs for W. B. M. I. missionaries as shown. Heretofore Dr. and Miss Bement and I have had our terms of service and furloughs at the same time. I however remained in America six months longer than they, four years ago to in a small measure overcome difficulties in the future. If Dr. Bement's soon we hope it will never be necessary for three of us to leave the field at the same time, and with only slight overlapping of Dr. and Miss Bement's furloughs only one will be gone at a time.

Dr. Bement has been on the field four years this term of service. We thought hoped that she would be able to fill a years term before we began any readjustment of furloughs but it may be best for her to go as soon as possible.

I am writing as fully as possible that you may have all the particulars and reasons for this required to lay before the Committee.

We enjoyed Mr. Goddard's visit very much and were more than pleased that he was willing to make the Kuei-new trip and see so much of our field.

Mr. Kellogg, Miss Bement and Miss Walker are all back from Lowie in different sections of the field. The next great event on the station calendar is the wedding. Then the Annual Bible Conference of the three missions to be held this year in Shaowu.

Spring is really here, only a few days until summer and we shall be coming down to invite the peace of all good people at Foochow.

Kind regards to Mrs. Beard.

Yours sincerely

Grace A. Funk

Dear Mr

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Shaowu, China
Oct. 12th, 1917.

Dr. N. E. Sturg. Boston:

My dear Dr. Sturg:

At a recent meeting of Shaowu Station the following action was taken: "Voted - that Shaowu Station ask Foochow mission to unite them in requesting the Prudential Committee to authorize them to open Kien-ning as a residence station for missionaries."

You doubtless know that Shaowu Station is asking to be set apart as a separate mission. This will be acted upon by the Foochow mission at their annual meeting this Fall. This action carries with it the proposition to open the Kien-ning station.

But we felt that the Prudential Committee should be notified at once in some official way as regards our hopes and wishes for Kien-ning. You will doubtless hear from Foochow

Shaowu,

Apr. 5, 1917

Shawnee, Ohio
Oct. 18th, 1911.

Mr. H. E. Storm, Toledo:

My dear Mr. Storm:

At a recent meeting of Shawnee Lodge the following action was taken:

"Voted - that Shawnee Station - each Lodge member to write them in favoring the Industrial Committee to recommend them to open Tues-day and Friday evenings for measuring and distributing from that Station a reasonable allotting for measuring."

I am authorized from that Station to request you to endeavor to secure the measuring of this allotting in order to be set apart as separate measure. This will be acted upon by the Industrial Committee of this Lodge meeting this Tuesday. This action is in order to save time and expense to the Lodge in getting it to the Congregation to allot the Tues-day evenings.

But we feel that the Industrial Committee should be notified at once as we are anxious and desirous of having our lodge for Tues-day and Friday evenings that from Toledo

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Mr. Stone has started across country
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dvance in Shaowu. When is our
other new family coming to take the
place of the Whitakers?

Cordially yours,
Grace A. Funk.
Secretary Shaowu Station.

Grace Funk

Sharon

Oct. 2, 1911

Dear Mr. Funk:

I have your letter of the 27th inst. and because for it is signed to law and because for it is signed to law for the Committee.